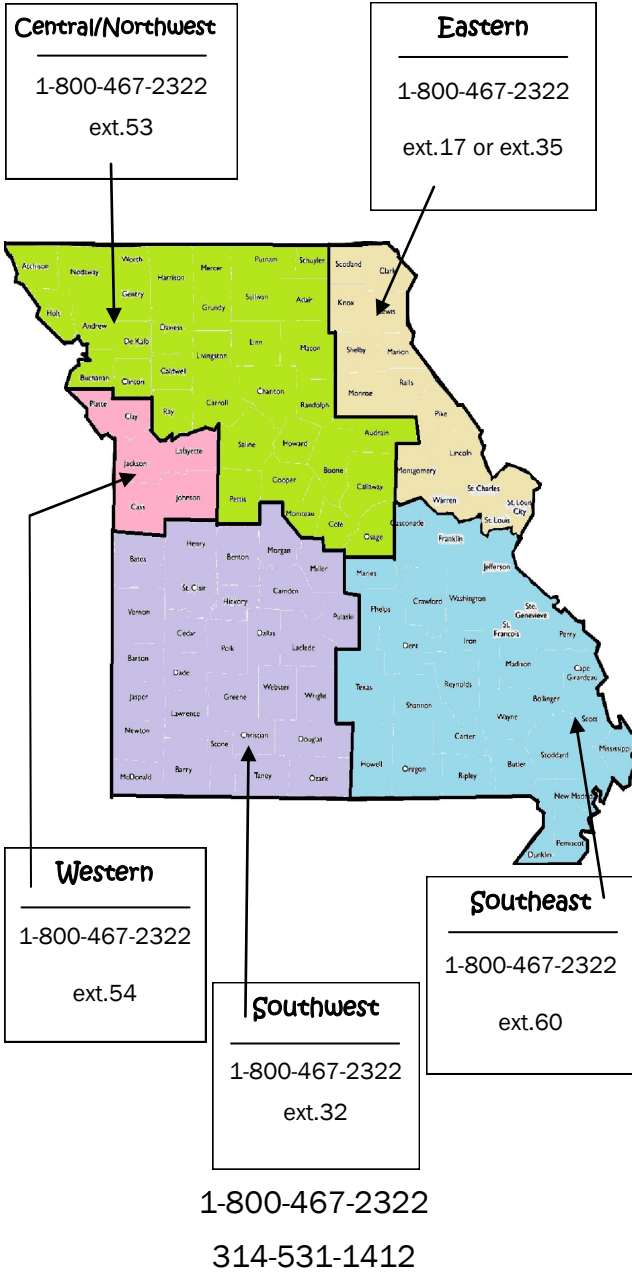


# Statewide

## Inclusion Specialists



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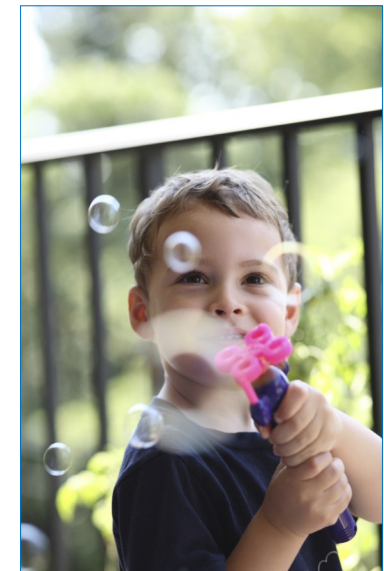
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# Do You Care for a Child with Special Needs?



# United 4 Children Can Help!

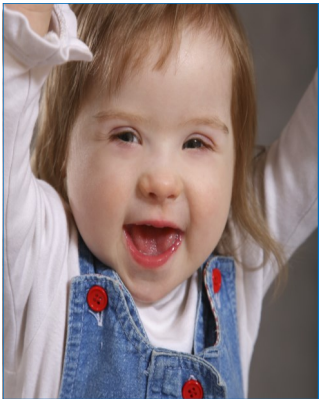
The more we learn about children's development, the more we know about how important it is to diagnose and intervene *sooner* rather than *later* when a child has a developmental delay, disability or other special need.

We also know that the Americans with Disabilities Act (the ADA) requires that child care providers make reasonable accommodations

to meet the needs of children who either come to us with a diagnosed disability or who are diagnosed while they are in our care.

Our hearts tell us that we want to meet the

needs of ALL the children we care for— but it's not always easy to know HOW to successfully include a child with special needs.



## What We Can Do

United 4 Children's Inclusion Specialists can offer the following services to assist you as you work to meet the needs of children

with special needs in your centers and homes. We can provide support for including children with a wide range of special needs—physical and developmental disabilities and delays, medical issues, social-emotional delays and challenging behavior.

- **Technical Assistance and Consultation**
  - Telephone Consultation
  - Child-Specific Observation and Consultation
  - General Classroom Observation and Consultation
  - There is no fee for these services.
- **Community Based Workshops on Inclusion**

We provide training for a minimal fee in the community or at your site on a range of topics related to inclusion. Please call for information about upcoming training, and look for sessions on the Missouri Training Calendar.

## Why Include Children with Special Needs?

Successfully including children with special needs in early childhood programs benefits **EVERYONE!**

- Children with special needs develop to their highest potential and avoid the stigma of isolation and segregation.
- Children without special needs learn about diversity in a hands-on, "let's play!" kind of way.
- Teachers expand their knowledge and expertise.
- Communities pool resources and work together.
- Everyone learns that there are more things that make us alike than make us different!

