



Info Session: An Introduction to Inclusive Recreation (Why...What...Who...How)

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Introduction & Overview

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the National Inclusion Project website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the URL 'inclusionproject.org', a 'LATEST INFORMATION' button, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Below the navigation bar is a large hero image featuring three children smiling. The text 'National Inclusion Project' is overlaid on the image, along with the tagline 'Because no child should have to sit on the sidelines'. There are two buttons: 'OUR STORY' and 'DONATE'. Below the hero image is a smaller photo of a woman (Dr. Amanda Kloo) with two children. Below this photo is her name and title: 'Dr. Amanda Kloo, DIRECTOR OF STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION', and her email address: 'amandakloo@inclusionproject.org'.



WHY Inclusive Recreation?

- Inclusion in schools, public places & community spaces has improved significantly thanks to legislation, advocacy etc.
- Historically, recreational and social opportunities remained isolated, limited, and segregated.
- Extraordinary opportunities are available, but implementation is variable.
- Because no child should have to sit on the sidelines!





WHAT is Inclusive Recreation?

3 Core Beliefs

- EVERY child can participate.
- EVERY child can make a friend.
- EVERY child can succeed.



*...to make the inclusion of children with disabilities
the EXPECTATION, not the exception*



WHO “is” Inclusive Recreation?

“Beyond The School Day” Experiences

Afterschool Programs, Camps, Clubs,
Community Centers, Parks & Recreation
Programs, Youth Athletics/Sports, Zoos,
Museums, Early Childhood & Childcare
Centers, Outdoor & Nature Adventures,
Fitness Centers & Youth Exercise Programs,
Creative & Fine Arts Programs

AND MORE!





HOW do we “do” Inclusive Recreation?

- Partnerships
 - Programs, Associations/Organizations, Individuals
- Education & Training
 - Staff, Individuals, Train-the-Trainer
- Resources/Tools
 - Curricula, materials, strategies
- The Standards for Inclusive Recreation
- Accreditation of Inclusive Recreation Programs





Let's Explore...

<https://www.inclusionproject.org/standards/>



<https://www.inclusionproject.org/accreditation/>

<https://www.inclusionproject.org/training/>



Reflection...

- What is ONE resource or support or offering from NIP you will explore more fully?
- What is ONE goal you have for enhancing your inclusive recreation service this year?
- What is ONE workshop you might be interested in for you?
- What is ONE workshop you might be interested in for your staff?

**** NOT SURE? FILL OUT AN INTEREST SURVEY & WE'LL HELP YOU GET STARTED! ****



Remember...





THANK YOU! 😊

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