

Partnering with the National Inclusion Project



The **National Inclusion Project (NIP)** opens doors for young people with and without disabilities to be included together and experience all that life has to offer. Through training, tools, and support, NIP meets organizations and practitioners where they are on their disability inclusion journey to help them implement quality inclusive programming for the children and families in their communities. We provide support for a wide range of children's recreational programs including those below and many more.

‣ camps ‣ afterschool programs ‣ community centers ‣ athletics ‣ museums ‣ parks ‣ childcare centers

Whether you have a staff of one or a staff of thousands, we can support you on your journey...

Disability Inclusion Standards

The Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs are a list of quality standards and best practices for inclusive recreation that was created in collaboration with industry experts, researchers, practitioners, families, and advocates from across the country. Developed in partnership with the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE) at UMass Boston, the standards are an educational resource available to any recreation program wanting to provide meaningful inclusive experiences to their participants. You can find the list of Standards at inclusionproject.org/standards.

Education/Training Partnerships

NIP offers multiple packages of education, training, and professional development support for any program/organization that works with kids in a recreational setting. We tailor session content and design them to meet your program's needs/interests. Learn more at inclusionproject.org/partnerships. We can...

- Introduce you to the basics of inclusion
- Enhance your understanding of inclusion recreation strategies to help all children succeed
- Enrich the inclusive programming and supports in your program
- Train your summer staff for inclusion at camp
- Educate you on the Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs and becoming a nationally recognized Accredited inclusion program

Specialist Course

The Inclusive Recreation Specialist course is designed for recreation professionals early in their careers, experienced practitioners working in recreation or related fields, as well as students still in their studies wanting to deepen their knowledge. When you complete the 16-week online Course, you will earn a certificate in inclusive recreation from NIP indicating your professional skills align with the Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs and that you are trained to comprehensively meet the needs of children with disabilities in recreational settings and programs. Learn more at inclusionproject.org/specialistcourse.

Accreditation

Powered by the Standards for Inclusive Recreation Programs, NIP's Accreditation process serves to recognize and confirm that a program is intentionally and successfully serving individuals with and without disabilities. The path to Accreditation is tailored to each program. Programs first beginning their inclusion journey might benefit from a 2-year partnership grounded in training and development, gradually leading to Accreditation review. Programs with established inclusionary supports might dive right into the process with a 1-year Accreditation partnership. Learn more at inclusionproject.org/accreditation.

Online Resources

On our website, practitioners will find information on all of the above, as well as many downloadable resources to help make their programs more inclusive of children with disabilities. Our resources include recorded Info Sessions, Accessibility Tools, Inclusive Activity Tip Sheets, Program toolkits and more. Learn more at inclusionproject.org/training.

Want to know more?

Check out our website at inclusionproject.org for more info or email our Director of Inclusive Recreation Dr. AmandaKloo@inclusionproject.org to schedule a time to talk. 3/23