



UCP of Huntsville & Tennessee Valley's  
*Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose*

program has an exciting new opportunity for childcare providers!


  
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**4-hour Companion Training  
& Inclusion Enhancement Kit (IEK)**

**FAQs**

**What is inclusion?**

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) define early childhood inclusion as “the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every infant and young child and his or her family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society.”

**What is an Inclusion Enhancement Kit (IEK)?**

An IEK contains many of the tools and supplies a childcare provider needs to create an inclusive environment where **all** children can learn and grow.

**How do I get an IEK for my program?**

Call or e-mail CCEP at 256-859-4900 or [seger@ucphuntsville.org](mailto:seger@ucphuntsville.org) or contact your nearest CCEP team and ask for one! You will receive your IEK upon completion of the 4-hour Choose to Include Companion Training.

**What is the 4-hour Choose to Include Companion Training?**

It consists of two 2-hour trainings that can be completed together or broken up into two sessions:

**Better Together: Quality Childcare & Exceptional Children**

*Training Level: Basic. Minimum Standards Training Area: PDG, QCCL. CDA Content Area: 2, 3, 4, 7.*

*Alabama Pathways Core Knowledge Area: ICFC, COA. Target Age Group: ALL.*

*CCDF Training Area: 13, 15, 18, 19, 20*

**All Together Now: Creating Environments Where Inclusion Can Be Successful**

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- ◆ **Centers must include the whole staff. Most centers are scheduling training in the evenings for two 2-hour sessions.**
- ◆ **No partial credit given if you miss a session.**
- ◆ **After training, we will visit your classrooms to provide any specific inclusion materials we deem necessary. For example, a calming corner with pillows and fidgets.**