



Inclusive Early Learning

Abilities Network/Project ACT

Location: Statewide

Funding: \$50,000 | \$25,149 match

GOAL

Support early care and education providers in Maryland to create spaces where children with and without disabilities learn and play together.

SUMMARY

Project ACT will create a statewide training and resource program that helps early care and education providers use inclusive practices and reduce barriers for children with developmental disabilities.

ACTIVITIES

- Deliver 12 virtual trainings about best practices.
- Conduct 6 Bridging the Gap trainings with follow-up coaching.
- Provide technical assistance to at least 60 providers.
- Distribute digital and print handbooks.
- Partner with child care resource centers in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore to promote and host virtual trainings.

OUTCOMES

- Early childhood providers increase knowledge and skills and use best practices to support more children with and without disabilities to learn and play together.
- More children with developmental disabilities get the support they need to learn, play, and grow in child care programs alongside their peers without disabilities.
- More providers in rural and underserved communities participate in disability-related training opportunities.