

GROWING IDEAS

Resources for Guiding Early Childhood Practices

Welcome to the Growing Ideas Toolkit, a compilation of resources designed to guide inclusive early childhood practices. In this kit are quick reference tip sheets on many relevant topics related to early childhood care and education. This resource kit was developed based on evidence that quality inclusive care and education can only happen if there is a foundation of high-quality, regular education practices (Sandall & Schwartz, 2002). Each sheet is designed to be a starting point, providing basic topical information and pointing the reader to some of the best sources of extended information on the topic. Topics include: developmentally appropriate practice, universal design, behavior, assessment basics, and more.



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