



# **BELONG.**

## **Inclusion Program**



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# Our Vision

We believe everyone deserves an opportunity to become strong, healthy, and hope-filled members of our community. By applying our talents, dedication, and resources, Inclusion seeks to support children with special needs in becoming independent, confident and successful.

## Did You Know?

**11%**

of students in Orange County have special needs.

**37%**

of Orange County child care providers have expelled a child due to challenging behavior.

Source: 2018 Orange County Community Indicators Report





## Our Program

The YMCA Inclusion Program supports children ages 3-17, in child care programs, helping them to stay in a child care setting with their typical peers, rather than being limited to special needs specific programs. Keeping kids of all abilities together creates a feeling of belonging that strengthens our community.

Our program provides the following support services to help build confidence, increase independence and achieve success:

- 1:1 aide services focused on teaching valuable social, play and behavior management skills
- Consultations, assessments and behavior plans to address challenges and promote learning
- Trainings on special needs support topics to educate child care & preschool providers

## Program Cost

Our program fees are separate from any fees paid to the child care provider. The YMCA Inclusion Program is a vendor with the Regional Center of Orange County and Regional Center consumers may qualify for program funding through the Regional Center. Private pay options are available to families without Regional Center support. Financial assistance may be available to families who qualify.



Feeling like you belong is so important to each one of us. There's a real need for services for special needs families, and we were struggling to find a place for Andre. The Y is an all-inclusive community that provides a variety of programs and activities for those with special needs.



- Sheila, Inclusion Parent

## Contact Us!

Visit our website to learn more about our program and services or contact our office to inquire about enrollment.



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### **Our Mission**

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

### **Our Vision**

To improve lives and strengthen character through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility driven by passionate staff and volunteers.

### **Our Values**

Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility – Our values are celebrated by staff and members and provide a positive foundation for all Y programs and a healthy connection with others.

### **Our Commitment**

The Y is a nonprofit charity that serves the entire community. Donations support our scholarship program and our commitment to keep programs open for all.

### **Our Cause**

Strengthening the foundation of communities.

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