

Inclusion

Inclusion is a term which expresses commitment to educate each child to the maximum extent appropriate in the school and classroom he or she may attend. It involves bringing the support services to the child (rather than moving the child to the services) and requires only that the child will benefit from being in the class (rather than having to keep up with the other students).

There are currently **185** providers total that offer an inclusion setting in their facility.

Providers with Special Needs training:

- Of the 1,045 Pinellas County Providers:
 - 568 staff in centers completed special needs training.
 - 94 staff in homes completed special needs training.
 - 257 staff in school age sites completed special needs training.
 - 69 staff in Head Start completed special needs training

On-site Medical Personnel

Child Care Facilities reported:

- 8 sites reported employing staff with Licensed Practical Nurses.
- 12 sites reported employing personnel with Registered Nurses.
- 9 sites reported employing personnel with some medical experience.
- 32 sites reported employing personnel with a Certified Nurses Assistant license.

Family Child Care Facilities reported:

- 12 sites reported employing staff with Licensed Practical Nurses.
- 2 sites reported employing personnel with Registered Nurses.
- 23 sites reported employing personnel with some medical experience.
- 68 sites reported employing personnel with a Certified Nurses Assistant license.

School Age Facilities reported:

- 2 sites reported employing personnel with a Certified Nurses Assistant license.

Head Start Facilities reported:

- 10 sites reported employing personnel with a Certified Nurses Assistant license.

Statistics gathered monthly from CCR&R clients requesting provider listings for their children with specific needs resulted in the following for 2008:

2008 Specific Special Need Requested

32	ADD/ADHD
14	Allergies
40	Asthma
30	Autism
55	Behavioral Disorder
35	Developmentally Delay
2	Diabetes
4	Hearing Impairment
9	Mental Disability or Delay
17	Medically Challenged
12	Other
42	Speech/Language Delay
9	Seizure Disorder
12	Physical Disability or Delay
<u>4</u>	<u>Visual Impairment</u>
317	Total

Findings:

- ADD/ADHD, asthma, behavior disorders, developmentally delayed and speech and language delayed are the most common special needs services requested.
- Additional efforts should be considered to offer providers special needs training to meet the needs of the children and families of the community.