



Kids Included Together

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Opening Doors for Children with Autism *Autism Curriculum for Out-of-School Time Providers Funded*

San Diego, CA: Currently 1.5 million American's live with Autism and every day 1 in 250 infants born will develop some form of Autism. The cause of Autism is unknown and there is no "cure". The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandated inclusion in community programs for all yet **children with Autism and other disabilities continue to be denied access to out-of-school time programs while their typically developing peers grow and thrive through participation in youth sports, summer camps, and after school programming.**

With a grant awarded by The National Foundation for Autism Research (NFAR) **Kids Included Together (KIT)**, a nationally recognized leader in creating inclusive environments for all children, **has developed a curriculum that teaches providers in out-of-school settings how to include children with autism in their programs.** This past year KIT trained more than 2,800 youth services professionals on inclusive practices which resulted in 80,114 hours of youth programming provided for children with disabilities.

Yesterday KIT's senior trainers gathered at The NTC Promenade at Liberty Station in the Corky McMillin Companies building for an introduction to the Autism curriculum. **While establishing the National Training Center on Inclusion this Fall at NTC KIT will offer community trainings in San Diego County to support the inclusion of children with Autism as a result of the development of this specialized curriculum.**



Kids Included Together (KIT), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, provides training and technical support to help community service organizations, such as youth development facilities, child care programs, youth clubs, and recreation facilities to include children with disabilities in their existing programs.

The mission of KIT is to support recreational, child development, and youth development programs that include children with and without disabilities. KIT's goals are to enrich the lives of all who participate and to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities as a natural part of life.

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