Children with disability: Information

This resource provides information for teachers on categories of disability identified by the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE).

Educators must offer a person with disability the same educational opportunities as everyone else (Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations 2005, *Disability Standards for Education*, www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/Pages/disabilitystandardsforeducation.aspx).

Allow approximately 30 minutes to view and reflect on the information provided.

These resources support teachers to meet Standards 2 and 4 of the *Australian professional standards for teachers*.

Disability categories

There are six categories of disability identified by DETE:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- hearing impairment (HI)

- intellectual impairment (II)

- physical impairment (PI)

- speech–language impairment (SLI)

- vision impairment (VI).

More information, including a definition of each category, can be found at: http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/index.html.

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

- Autism Spectrum Disorder — Online Resources Transition Package, http://education.qld.gov.au/asd-online-resource-kit

- Early Days — promoting development of young children on the autism spectrum, www.autismqld.com.au/index.php?page_id=388

- Education Queensland — information for teachers, http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/asd.html

- Autism Queensland — a not-for-profit organisation which supports children, adults and families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder, www.autismqld.com.au

- Early Childhood Australia — an early childhood advocacy organisation, *Including children with autism in early childhood settings*, www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/every_child_magazine/every_child_index/including_children_with_autism_in_early_childhood_settings.html

- Government of South Australia — resources that can be modified and used by early childhood teachers in Queensland, Autism Spectrum Disorders — a starting guide for teachers, www.decd.sa.gov.au/svpst/pages/resources/24958

Hearing impairment (HI)

- Education Queensland — information for teachers,
  http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/hi.html

- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children — resources supporting children with hearing impairments, www.ridbc.org.au/deafness

- Deaf Children Australia — provides information and teaching tips for teachers of students with a hearing loss, www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/are_you_being_heard

- Aussie deaf kids — an online support group for parents offering information and resources to assist children with hearing loss, www.aussiedeafkids.org.au

Intellectual impairment (II)

- Education Queensland — information for teachers,
  http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/ii.html

- Noah's Ark — a Queensland organisation offering a wide range of specialist services for children with disability, www.noahsark.net.au/resources/online-fact-sheets

- Government of South Australia — a range of disability resources is available including Disability Services information sheet, "Promoting daily living skills" for children with intellectual disability, www.sa.gov.au/subject/Community%20support/Disability, [search for "Intellectual disability: promoting daily living skills in children"]

- Ministry of Education British Columbia, *Students with Intellectual Disabilities — a resources guide for teachers*, www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/sid

Physical impairment (PI)

- Education Queensland — information for teachers,
  http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/pi.html

- Noah's Ark — a Queensland organisation offering a wide range of specialist services for children with disability, www.noahsark.net.au/resources/online-fact-sheets

- Cerebral Palsy League — resources supporting early intervention for children, www.cpl.org.au

- Epilepsy Queensland — information and resources, www.epilepsyqueensland.com.au/site

- Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Queensland — provides information and resources for parents and teachers, http://spinabifida.org

Speech-language impairment (SLI)

- Education Queensland — information for teachers,
  http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/sli.html

- C.H.I.L.D. — resources and fact sheets on a range of topics related to language impairment, www.letstalk.org.au/resources.html

- Noah's Ark — a Queensland organisation offering a wide range of specialist services for children with disability, www.noahsark.net.au/resources/online-fact-sheets

- Women's and Children's health network of South Australia — resources supporting children with communication problems,
  www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetails.aspx?p=114&np=306&id=1877

Vision impairment (VI)

- Education Queensland — information for teachers, http://education.qld.gov.au/students/disabilities/adjustment/verification/vi.html

- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children — resources supporting children with visual impairments, www.ridbc.org.au/blindness

- Noah's Ark — a Queensland organisation offering a wide range of specialist services for children with disability, www.noahsark.net.au/resources/online-fact-sheets

- Women's and Children's health network of South Australia — resources supporting children with vision impairment, www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetails.aspx?p=114&np=306&id=1873

More information

The following resources are useful for all categories of disability:

- Early Childhood Development Programs and Services — prior to Prep, http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/learning/Pages/Early-Childhood-Development-Programs-and-Services---Prior-to-Prep.aspx

- Visual Aids for Learning — free downloads of visual aids to support all learners in your classroom, www.visualaidsforlearning.com

- Signed English — create custom learning resources to assist with learning signs for your inclusive classroom, http://sign.com.au

- Disability Services Queensland, www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability

Additional information and resources to support inclusion and diversity are available on the QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12974.html under Professional topics > Inclusion and diversity.