



Promising Practices in Inclusion: Get on the Path!

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Introduction

The 4 Ps of Inclusion

In the lead up to its 20th anniversary of making *Changes for the Better*, the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF) presents the **Promising Practices in Inclusion** series.

For nearly a decade, MEAF and its partners have been engaged in an **Inclusion Initiative**—helping youth-serving organizations learn how to fully include *all* youth in *all* aspects of the organization. This series is designed to share the results, best practices, and lessons learned from this multifaceted, nationwide effort.

In collaboration with its grant partners, leaders in the disability community, and other foundations, MEAF helped produce and disseminate the *Paths to Inclusion* resource guide. Now, the *Promising Practices in Inclusion* series will explore the 4 Ps of inclusion—philosophy, policies, programs, and partners—in depth to help your organization chart its own path.

Over the coming months, look for these and many more Promising Practices titles:

- ✦ Vol. I – Philosophy: What is Inclusion?
- ✦ Vol. II – Policies: Giving youth a voice
- ✦ Vol. III – Programs: Universal program design
- ✦ Vol. IV – Partners: Focus on the family

Have a promising practice to share?

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Join the Conversation



Want to add your voice to the inclusion conversation? Go to Facebook and become a friend of [Youth Inclusion Voices](#) and share your own inclusion experiences.

Resources

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation

Corporate foundation dedicated to helping young people with disabilities maximize their potential and participation in society. The *Promising Practices in Inclusion* series will be archived on this fully accessible website. www.MEAF.org

Including All Kids

Website sponsored by MEAF and maintained by Kids Included Together to serve as an introduction to inclusion and clearinghouse for inclusive practices and resources. *Paths to Inclusion* can be downloaded for free from the site. www.IncludingAllKids.org



Paths to Inclusion

a publication

On their pathway of life, young people often participate in a variety of extracurricular activities, from sports to clubs to internships. But for youth with disabilities, opportunities may be few or available only in segregated settings.



Paths to Inclusion is designed as a guide to help expand those opportunities, by introducing youth program leaders and volunteers to inclusive practices—helping to make their organizations more fully accessible—physically and programmatically.

Visit www.IncludingAllKids.org to download your free copy of *Paths to Inclusion*.

Background

The Inclusion Initiative was launched by the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation in 2002. With nearly \$10 million in grants and leveraged funds invested in more than two dozen youth programs to date, the initiative has impacted the lives of thousands of youth with and without disabilities across the U.S.

MEAF and its Inclusion Initiative partners developed *Paths to Inclusion*, a guidebook to inclusion for youth-serving organizations. This series of “Promising Practices” expands on the guidebook, offering short summaries and examples of inclusion philosophy, policies, programs and partners. The series can be found at www.meaf.org.

