

is inclusion happening in our schools?

a public dialogue on inclusive education

Thursday, September 25
7 pm - 9:30 pm

Toronto Renaissance Airport Hotel,
801 Dixon Rd,
Toronto ON

The Dialogue is hosted by the Canadian Association for Community Living, Community Living Ontario, Community Living Toronto – and CASHRA and our National Forum Partners.

Moderated by Catherine Frazee

It is important that voices of parents be heard at the full “National Forum”. Join educators, human rights officials and advocates from across the country for this first event of its kind. Register at www.inclusiveeducation.ca or www.cashra.ca

Lifelong patterns of inclusion are established in early childhood programs, pre-schools, classrooms and playgrounds of our schools. Children who are included in their early years have better outcomes for inclusion as adults. When children and youth with disabilities grow and learn alongside their peers, they are more likely to continue in education, get a job, and be included and valued in their communities. Inclusive education is better for all children. Inclusive education settings enable children without disabilities to learn about diversity and respecting and valuing all people.

Yet, the reality is that:

- Almost 30% of students with intellectual disabilities are segregated in special classes or schools.
- Only 33% of the Canadian public is fully supportive of inclusive education of children with intellectual disabilities.
- The connection between Canada’s commitment to Human Rights and the education of student’s with disabilities in segregated settings remains unclear.

CACL is partnering with other national organizations to host: DEFINING A RIGHTS BASED FRAMEWORK: Advancing Inclusion of Students with Disabilities, 2008 NATIONAL FORUM. The conference will open on Thursday September 25^{at} at 7:00pm with a “Public Dialogue on Inclusive Education”.

This public dialogue will explore critical issues such as: why is public support for inclusive education so low? Is inclusion working for: students, parents, teachers, school boards etc.? What is the connection between quality education, human rights and inclusion? Can Canada’s human rights processes make a difference?

Join us at the FREE public event to engage in this dialogue and share your thoughts, experiences and opinions on these critical issues.

This public dialogue is part of a national series, *A Matter of Diversity*, happening across Canada as part of CACL’s 50th Anniversary. The purpose of the public dialogue series is to speak with Canadians and to create a public space to promote the values and beliefs that foster inclusive communities, and to explore common ground with others who may share different views and perspectives.



Diversity includes.

