



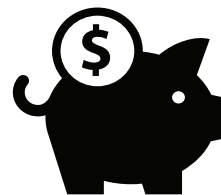
Every child and family actively participating in all learning and social activities as a full member in their community

*It's the law!*

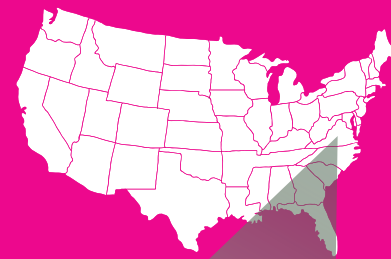


**THREE** federal disability laws promote inclusion and protect the civil rights of children with disabilities

Inclusive programs are



**cost effective**



VA only ranks 37th in the nation for the percentage of children served in inclusive educational settings

## *Benefits When Children are Included:*



### **COMMUNITIES**

- Hold higher expectations for all children and have more families in the workforce

### **FAMILIES**

- Have more options for child care and enjoy connections to the community



### **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

- Develop more friendships and are more socially competent
- Make better language and academic gains



### **CHILDREN WITHOUT DISABILITIES**

- Appreciate diversity and show greater empathy