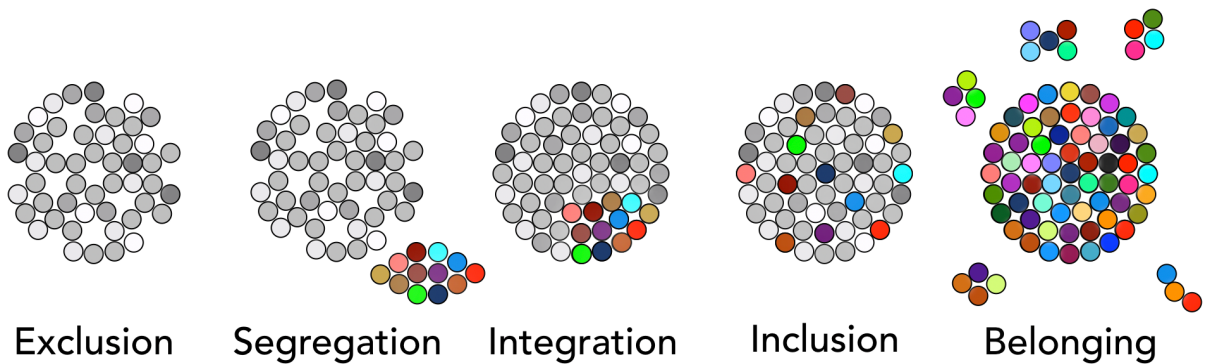


Beyond Inclusion: Creating Communities of Belonging for Individuals with Disabilities

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Ten Dimensions of Belonging



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Reflecting on Belonging

Are individuals with disabilities ...	What are we doing really well right now?	What could be doing better or differently ?	What should we be doing next to spur change?
Present Are individuals involved in school and community experiences or groups that are important to them?			
Invited Is their presence actively invited and sought out by the community?			
Welcomed Are they experiencing a warm—even extravagant—welcome whenever they arrive?			
Known Are they known personally and for the strengths and gifts they possess?			
Accepted Are they received unconditionally and graciously, and with an attitude of acceptance?			
Supported Are they receiving the assistance they need to participate fully and meaningfully?			
Heard Are their preferences and perspectives being sought out on issues that matter?			
Befriended Are they developing and enjoying friendship in this community?			
Needed Are their talents, gifts, and contributions being recognized and drawn upon?			
Loved Are they experiencing the deep and unconditional love of others?			