

## Expanding Your Inclusive Field Placement Network

### 1. Identify potential partners in your community

- Reach out to program/institution alumni
- Leverage your professional network and get connected across sectors (619 coordinator, district relationships, Head Start, state funded pre-K).
- Search online inventories:
  - i. Childcare Aware
  - ii. NAEYC

### 2. Do some research

*Take note of information available on the program website and reflect on potential matches to the purpose of the practicum experience you are planning. Information you might look specifically for:*

- Number of classrooms and teachers
- Special educators on staff
- Connections with EI or local district
- Services provided
- Vision and mission statements
- Accreditation and QRIS rating

### 3. Get to know programs

*Engage in conversation to deepen your knowledge of programs interested in partnering with you and your students. Some inclusion related conversation starters might include...*

- How many children with IEPs are enrolled at your center? Where and how do they receive services? (push in, pull out, attend part of the day)
- What is the process for screening and referring children who may qualify for EI?
- Are the classroom teachers involved in the IEP meeting, development of goals?
- Do classroom teachers team up with special educators or service providers to implement IEPs?