

2026 United For Every Child:

Inclusion and the Pyramid Model in Action

Day 1 - Early Childhood Inclusion: Building Belonging

Thursday, September 24, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

R2i2 Conference Center

763 Fashion Drive Columbia, SC 29229



Goals for 2026 Early Childhood Inclusion:

- Support early childhood leadership teams in strengthening program capacity to expand inclusive preschool practices across the mixed delivery system—ensuring all young children and their families experience belonging and thrive in their communities.
- Engage in learning around evidence-based practices that promote smooth and successful early childhood transitions and increase high-quality instruction for preschoolers with disabilities in their least restrictive environment (LRE).
- Collaborate with peers to cultivate and sustain a strong, shared culture of inclusion and belonging.

Schedule

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Check-in & Coffee Bar

9:00 am - 10:15 am: Opening Keynote

Jordyn Zimmerman

Belonging Begins with Belief: Rethinking What's Possible in Inclusive Learning

10:15 - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Breakout Session

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Breakout Session

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Closing

