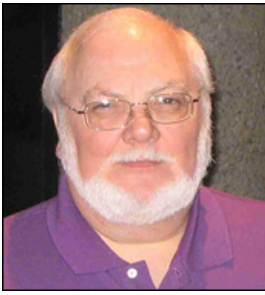


## Progress Toward Inclusive Education



Progress toward inclusive education in some parts of Canada has been sporadic at best. Some would argue there has actually been a move backward.

What do you think? We welcome the opportunity to ask parents and family members to give us your assessment of where things stand – for your own child – and in general.

You might want to take part in a national survey CACL is conducting on inclusive education as part of a “Report Card on Inclusion”.

We want to make sure the report card is accurate and reflective of the voices of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. In order to do this we need your help. Access to accurate, reliable and comparable information on the education of students with intellectual disabilities is extremely difficult. In order to obtain reliable and up to date information on the educational experiences of children and youth with disabilities and their families, a survey has been developed and is available for completion on-line. This survey is short (can be completed in less than 10 minutes) and is completely anonymous.

The data obtained from the survey will be critical in painting a picture on the national status of education for students with intellectual disabilities, the extent to which it presents as an inclusive experience, and the extent to which families are satisfied with this experience.

If your son / daughter is of school age we would ask that you take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your participation in this survey is critical to ensuring that our report on Education is based on real and up to date experiences of children and their families. If you know of other families who have school aged children with disabilities please feel free to share with request with them also.

In late November 2007, the Canadian Association for Community Living (CACL) will be releasing the national REPORT CARD ON INCLUSION – a report that will comment on how well we are doing, as a country, with respect to inclusion in the areas of Deinstitutionalization, Disability Supports, Family Supports, as well as Education.

We thank you in advance for sharing your comments and for completing the survey. Check out our website for further information.

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