



The Ohio PROMISE Professional Credential (OPPC)

With Ohio PROMISE, Ohio is on its way to ensuring that every Ohio family is healthy and supported when needed. Children with disabilities must be included with their friends, neighbors, and peers from birth so they can thrive wherever they live, play, and learn.

Why?

The Ohio PROMISE Professional Credential (OPPC) was created to raise the level of awareness, knowledge, competency, and confidence of professionals attending to the needs of children with disabilities, their families, and creating a supportive environment for all children.

Regardless of their abilities, all children should have the opportunity to participate fully in society. This starts with expecting our very young children with disabilities and their families to be welcomed and cared for safely in every environment where they live, play, and learn.

It is furthered by allowing our children without disabilities to engage with, learn alongside, and befriend their peers. And it is cemented in the hearts and minds of adults as not only expected but beneficial for all, when we increase awareness and knowledge.

Who?

This credential was created by the Ohio State Leadership Team on Early Childhood Inclusion, a dedicated group of state agency and organization professionals working with teachers and parents, for early care and education professionals and families.

How?

Three (3) levels of the credential are offered to represent increasing levels of knowledge and implementation of universal practices across early care and education environments.

The credential is housed in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR), hosted by the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA). The OPR allows professionals to document and track their training and skill development, both as individuals and as linked with specific programs that serve young children.

Training towards completion of the OPPC, together with related resources, are provided in the OPPC Learning Paths document. To apply for the OPPC, please visit the OCCRRA website. For assistance with the Ohio Professional Registry, please refer to the [OPR User Guide](#).