



Turnstone

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KIMBROUGH EARLY LEARNING CENTER: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility criteria for the Kimbrough Early Center is as follows...

- Programs are available for children with and without disabilities, age 2 to 12.
- Free of communicable disease - physical and immunization records are required.
- Able to physically tolerate and benefit from participation in the program.

Important notes...

The Kimbrough Early Learning Center Preschool and Childcare program offers an inclusive environment, but what does inclusive mean and what are the benefits of an inclusive environment? Inclusion is defined as “an attitude and approach that seeks to ensure that every person, regardless of ability or background, can meaningfully participate in all aspects of life.” Inclusion means offering the same opportunities for people with and without disabilities. Turnstone’s director of children’s services, Adrienne Lyon, is an advocate of the inclusive approach in educational setting. She shares the following benefits below:

Benefits of inclusive environments

- Increased appreciation and acceptance of individual differences
- Increased understanding and acceptance of diversity
- Prepares all students for adult life in an inclusive society
- Increased social initiations, relationships, networks and meaningful friendships
- Children who have disabilities have peer role models for academic, social and language skills
- Children who do not have disabilities have opportunities to master activities by practicing and teaching others
- Families who have children with disabilities are more integrated into the community

For more information on the Kimbrough Early Learning Center, please contact a social worker for pediatric services at 260-483-2100.