

Who We Are

THE INTEGRATION ACTION GROUP is a nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to educational integration and community living for children with special needs. The group provides support to parents and friends seeking these opportunities for the children in their lives.

Our motto is *Discant cum ceteris* which means "Let them learn with the others".

All children have the right to a quality education that will prepare them for a full and productive life in the community. The practice of segregation inevitably leads to isolation, neglect and reduced opportunity. The best way to prepare children with extra needs for community life is to educate them alongside their typical peers with individualized programming and supports to meet the needs of all.

Fully integrated education is already being accomplished by some school boards. The experience has convincingly demonstrated that *all* students stand to benefit from integration.

What We Do

THE INTEGRATION ACTION GROUP

- supports parents wanting integrated educational placements with appropriate supports and programs for their children
- assists parents in their preparation for case conferences, IPRC meetings, and appeal hearings
- supports and assists parent, teachers, and school boards in individual program planning for integrated settings
- carries out research and prepares briefs to recommend legislation, policies and practices that would promote integration
- organizes seminars and workshops on topics such as
 - how to ensure quality programs for your child in an integrated setting
 - working models of integration
 - representing your child's interests at Board of Education meetings, IPRC hearings, etc.
 - your legal rights
- organizes professional development seminars for educators
- publishes a newsletter to keep members informed on latest developments

How to Join



Yes, I would like to join the Integration Action Group and I enclose my membership fee of

- \$10.00 (individuals)
- \$15.00 (families)
- \$25.00 (associations)
- \$_____ donation

Receipts available for donations of \$10.00 or more. Make cheque payable to the Integration Action Group.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

Postal Code_____

Telephone(s)_____

(Detach and return to address shown overleaf)

Integration Action Group

Statement of principles:

- All children can learn and develop
- All children have the right to live at home in a family
- All children have the right to share educational experiences with others their own age
- All children have the right to neighbourhood friends and relationships
- All children have the right to supports and services as needed, and these should be provided in the neighbourhood school, in a regular classroom setting
- All children have the right to an education that will prepare them to live and work in the real world
- All children have the right to acquire the daily social and coping skills that develop through life in the community
- All children have the right to become "just one of the kids"
- Successful integration of a child with extra needs benefits not only the child, but also his or her friends and peers, the school system, and society as a whole.

**The Integration Action
Group**

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The INTEGRATION ACTION GROUP is an action oriented association of parents, educators and concerned citizens whose goals are to help families achieve integration for their children, and to advocate for attitudes, practices, policies and laws that promote integration in education and in the community.