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## **KAT KING, MSRA INCLUSION CONSULTANT/TRAINER**



“The most rewarding moments in my work are when I know a child shifts from sitting on the sidelines to being meaningfully included. When a child has a sense of belonging,” says Kat King, Inclusion Consultant in Community Partnerships’ Partners In Inclusion (PII) program.

Kat’s passion for inclusive practice systems change began during her years as a Youth Programs Director at YMCA of the Triangle. “The day I saw a child in my program with a significant disability make her first authentic friendship, I was hooked,” she says. Kat has a Master’s degree in Recreation Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, during which time she was honored as the Therapeutic

Recreation Student of the Year by the North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association.

This is her third time as an Inclusion Consultant with Community Partnerships. Other stepping stones in Kat’s career include adjunct faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill, School-Age Specialist with Child Care Services Association, and Partnerships Director at Kids Included Together. Kat has shared her passion for disability inclusion through consultation, workshops and keynotes all over the country as well as Japan, South Korea, Bavaria, and England. A highlight of her career was co-presenting a 4-H webinar with Dr. Temple Grandin for over 1,000 participants in six states and three provinces in Canada. Her articles and research have been published in *Camping Magazine*, *Journal of Leisure Research*, and *Journal of Parks and Recreation Administrators*.

As an Inclusion Consultant, Kat offers child care and recreational providers on-the-job technical assistance using a strengths-based approach to create welcoming and inclusive environments for all children. She also provides on-demand training for every level of an organization on a variety of topics, including child development, classroom management, respectful accommodations, and positive behavior support. “I’ve trained CEOs and boards of directors in fancy conference centers, held a live chicken in a barn while training farm-based educators, and provided on-the-spot accommodation guidance to judges at a robotics world championship event,” Kat shares. “The more out-of-the box the better! I love that the mindset regarding disability inclusion is shifting and organizations are recognizing that diversity in all its forms creates stronger communities.”

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