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**MISSY BOYD
INCLUSION CONSULTANT/TRAINER**



"I always follow a provider's lead. I'm entering their classroom. My goal is to create a team environment where we can all work together," says Missy Boyd, Inclusion Consultant/Trainer in Community Partnerships' **Partners In Inclusion (PII)** program. "I can come into a classroom and provide strategies, but it's the providers who do the real work of implementing our suggestions." Missy has a Bachelor's degree from Meredith College. She has been working with children with special needs for 20 years as an Inclusion Specialist, preschool teacher, and elementary school teacher.

As an Inclusion Consultant/Trainer, Missy offers in-classroom support to child care and recreational providers who would like to learn how to better support a child with special developmental, social-emotional, or behavioral needs. Missy provides an initial observation of the classroom, then works with the child care provider to develop practical strategies for enhancing the classroom experience—for the child with special needs as well as the more typically-developing children. "I love helping teachers learn and grow," Missy says. "I have been a classroom teacher and I know how hard it is. I know all the love that goes into that job."

Missy also provides on-demand training for child care providers on a variety of topics related to childhood development, disabilities, and building classrooms that successfully include children of all abilities.

"I think the biggest myth about kids with disabilities is that they are always disruptive, can't learn, or are a little bit scary," Missy says. "That's why I think Community Partnerships' mission is so important. People with disabilities are just like everyone else—human. All people benefit from inclusion because life is inclusive."

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