# Becoming an Inclusion Aware Service



Being Inclusion Aware is a component of inclusive practice. This refers to the consistent and considered thought about environments, resources and planning to support the welcoming of children and families with a diverse range of abilities, interests and backgrounds.



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## **Areas of Inclusion**

To receive an Inclusion Aware certificate you need to be engaged with the Inclusion Agency, have an active Strategic Inclusion Plan and demonstrate inclusion in one or more of the following areas:

#### Strategic Inclusion Plan

Work with one of our experienced Inclusion Professionals to develop a plan for inclusion of all children.

#### **Community and Culture**

This area relates to how your service embeds inclusive practices that increase

connections with community and benefit children from diverse cultural backgrounds.

#### **Relationships & Interactions**

This area refers to how your service supports relationships and interactions with children and families.

#### **Environments & Educator Practices**

This area relates to how your environments promote inclusion and how educators support all children to participate fully in this space.

#### Skills & Knowledge

This area relates to how your service embeds inclusive practice within the knowledge and skills of your educators.

### **Innovative Solutions Project**

This area refers to an Innovative Solutions Project that has been completed from start to finish, including acquittal.



To begin your Inclusion Aware journey we have put together a step by step guide.

Speak to your Inclusion Professional to determine if you are ready to begin the application process.

Your Inclusion Professional will send you a template that will assist you to reflect on your inclusive practices and collate your evidence ready for the next step.

Complete the Inclusion Aware survey found on the Gowrie SA website. You can apply for one or more Areas of Inclusion during this step.

Your submission will be reviewed and you will receive a response within the week. You will be notified if your application has been successful or if any further information is required.

Your certificate will be presented - a great way to display your commitment to inclusive practice.



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For more information about becoming an **Inclusion Aware Service** email: inclusion@gowriesa.org.au or visit gowriesa.org.au

Or speak to your Inclusion Professional to start the process.



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