



Program Overview

Introduction

iBelong is a Common Core-aligned curriculum designed to provide elementary students (K–5/6) a general overview of a variety of specific disabilities as well as to promote general inclusion for all into both the classroom and the community at large.

This comprehensive curriculum consists of 10 lessons designed to be taught during a 30-minute instructional period. Each lesson engages students in active, multimodal learning, using media, games, books, hands-on activities, class discussion, and group/teamwork.

iBelong presents all material at an age-appropriate level, building from year-to-year on previous knowledge. In addition, American Sign Language is incorporated into each unit so that each grade taught will have a bank of approximately 20 words/signs upon completion.

Program Outline

The iBelong curriculum actively engages students in learning about a variety of disabilities, including:

- ADD/ADHD
- Autism
- Deafness/Hard of Hearing
- Blindness
- Learning Disabilities
- Communication/Speech Disorders
- Motor Disabilities
- Down Syndrome

Meeting State and Federal Requirements

OnRAMP Disability Curriculum & Training is a cost-effective solution to provide disability-focused curriculum. iBelong's easy-to-implement, step-by-step lessons meet clearly defined learning objectives aligned to grade-specific Common Core standards to aid progression in social emotional learning.

NOT Just Another Curriculum

OnRAMP Disability Curriculum & Training is designed to educate and empower individuals with disabilities and communities. Our age-appropriate, cross-disability, and flexible programs effectively meet mandated standards and provide schools with the tools to develop students' social awareness, acceptance of differences, and ability to advocate for themselves and others.

Components of the Curriculum

iBelong can be facilitated by educational personnel in an academic setting or by personnel from a community agency, federal program, or human services provider. Each of the 10 units contains detailed lesson plans with lists of necessary materials. All video clips are provided with the curriculum for easy access as well as a variety of worksheets.

Certain elements are not included with the curriculum, including books, project materials, and some visual aids, including dolls. Most of the books used within the lessons can be obtained second hand at a significantly reduced price either on amazon.com marketplace and/or American Book Exchange. In addition, many of the books listed are available on video at no cost via YouTube. For dolls, OnRAMP recommends Electric Rose Toys and HABA Soft dolls; however, any dolls/puppets may be used or created with the goal of visually reinforcing concepts with students.

A note on sign language: Most signs are not described within the instructor manual. ASL can vary from region to region as well. Two sources for video clips of signs are: www.signingsavvy.com and www.handspeak.com.

An important element of iBelong is incorporating individuals with disabilities into the classroom experience. While a lesson has been written for each, a successful substitution for any unit would be to have a guest speaker with that particular disability speak to the students and facilitate a question-and-answer time.

Thank you for choosing iBelong! Our ultimate goal is for students to both become aware of and to embrace the differences they observe around them in order to better understand their environment, turn "them" into "us," and imagine a better future for all!

