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**INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATIONAL
SETTINGS**

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We want to hear about your experience.

You can answer as many of these questions as you like.

8. Do you think there is enough support for children with disability at school to get a good education?

Tell us more why you think this way.

For some disability but for complex disability for kids in OOHC who have experienced trauma because if they display any behavioural issues (such as making threats - which is related to their disability and history) they are excluded from school.

9. Did your school make changes to make it easier to learn?

What was it like asking for changes?

The school was able to adapt their style and a smaller classroom with the assistance of a behavioural specialist from the OOHC agency who knew the child to respond to their individual needs.

10. What could happen to your family if you or your child cannot get the support they need at school?

If my child was in a normal school setting he would be excluded from the school because of his inability to navigate other peers and social situations.

11. How can teachers get better support at school?

Work collaboratively with the child's care team.

12. Have you or your child been refused to be enrolled at a school?

Tell us more about this.

No - but he has been excluded from a school 3 times in a 12 month period.

13. Does your school have good resources for children with disability?

What kind of resources does your school have?

The current school has good resources with the right support mechanisms from the providing agency.

14. Does your school have things to make it easy for you to get around the school? This could be things like ramps or lifts.

Tell us more about this.

Yes

15. Do you think the people who work at schools have enough training to work with people with disability?

Tell us more about this.

No - they require additional training in behaviour management and trauma informed care.

16. The Assisted School Transport Program (ASTP) provides free specialised transport for children with disability from their home to their school.

Do you use the Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) to get to school? Does this make it easier for you to get to your school?

Do you want to tell us anything about this?

Yes this is utilized.

17. Do you think it is harder for people with disability living outside of Sydney to get a good education?

Why do you think this?

No.

18. Is there enough other services that can support children and teenagers with disability?

Tell us more about why you think this way.

The NDIS has been a positive change to the supports that families and carers can access for children with behaviour and support needs. This has been particularly helpful for a working family.

19. Are you worried about how students with disability are expelled or suspended from school?

Expelled means they cannot come back to the school anymore.

Suspended means they cannot come back until the school says they can.

Tell us more about why you think this way.

Yes - extremely. This comes back to a lack of understanding around how disability and trauma overlap and how they can impact on a young persons behaviour and responses.

20. Are you worried about restrictive practices being used at school for children with disability?

A restrictive practice is when someone takes away your right to move freely.

Tell us more about why you think this way.

Yes. If this is not governed through appropriate processes. I have seen the benefits of external behaviour specialists who are able to support and work on different strategies to avoid restricted practices being put in place.

21. Do you have anything else you want to tell us?

No.

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