

INCLUSION FOSTERS BELONGING

TEN DIMENSIONS OF BELONGING



Present

Each person is present and has a presence in all aspects of the community.



Supported

Each person is individually supported in ordinary and innovative ways.



Invited

Each person is issued a personal, intentional invitation.



Cared For

Each person has their needs responded to in meaningful ways.



Welcomed

Each person is noticed and greeted with authentic hospitality.



Befriended

Each person has enjoyable and reciprocal relationships with peers.



Known

Each person is truly known by their strengths, interests, and likes or dislikes.



Needed

Each person brings gifts to the community that are seen as indispensable.



Accepted

Each person is valued and embraced without condition.



Loved

Each person is deeply and unconditionally shown God's love.

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