

The right to early intervention: the role of early childhood education and care services.

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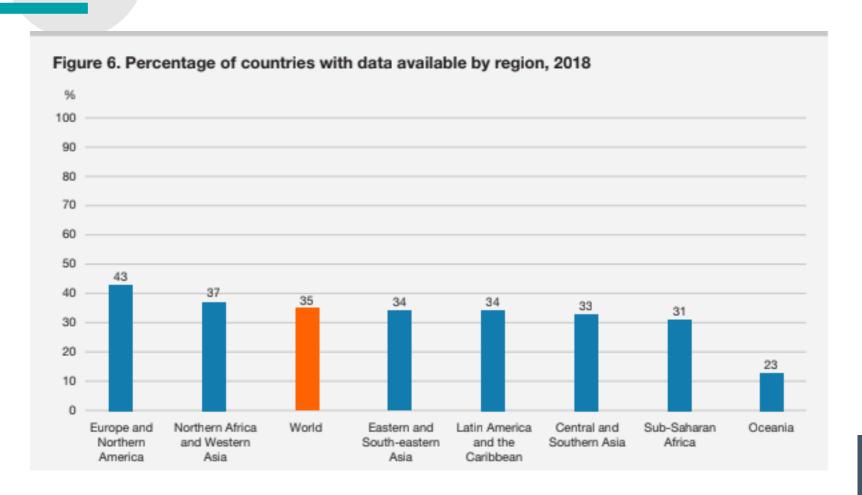
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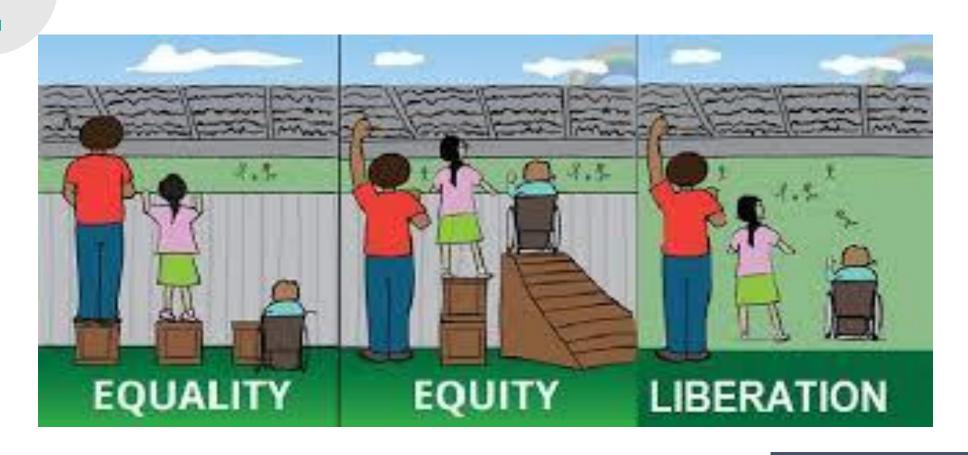
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#### **Sustainable Development Goal 4- Global Education Indicators**



Parity indices (female/male, rural/urban, bottom/top wealth quintile and others such as disability status, indigenous peoples and conflict affected, as data become available) for all education indicators on the list that can be disaggregated (UNESCO, 2019).

### Inclusive Early Childhood Service System (IECSS) project



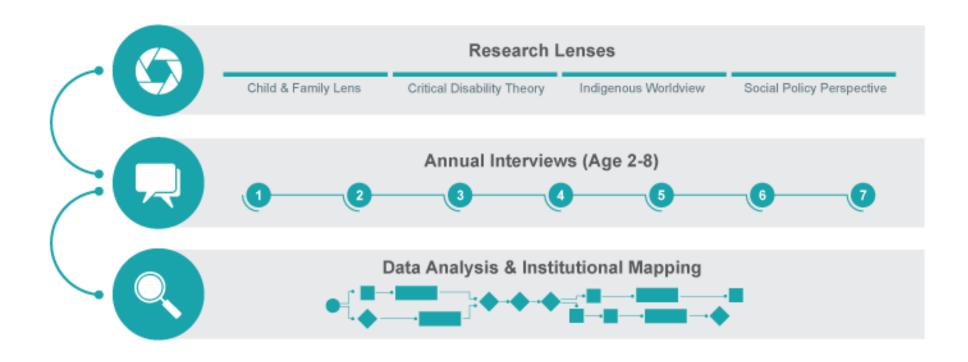
I find that people that don't know disability [...] they might be kind of, I don't want to say shy but almost reluctant to ask because they're fearful [...] of like offending the person.

# **Competing or Complementary Rights**

- Children's rights
- Disability Rights
- Indigenous Rights



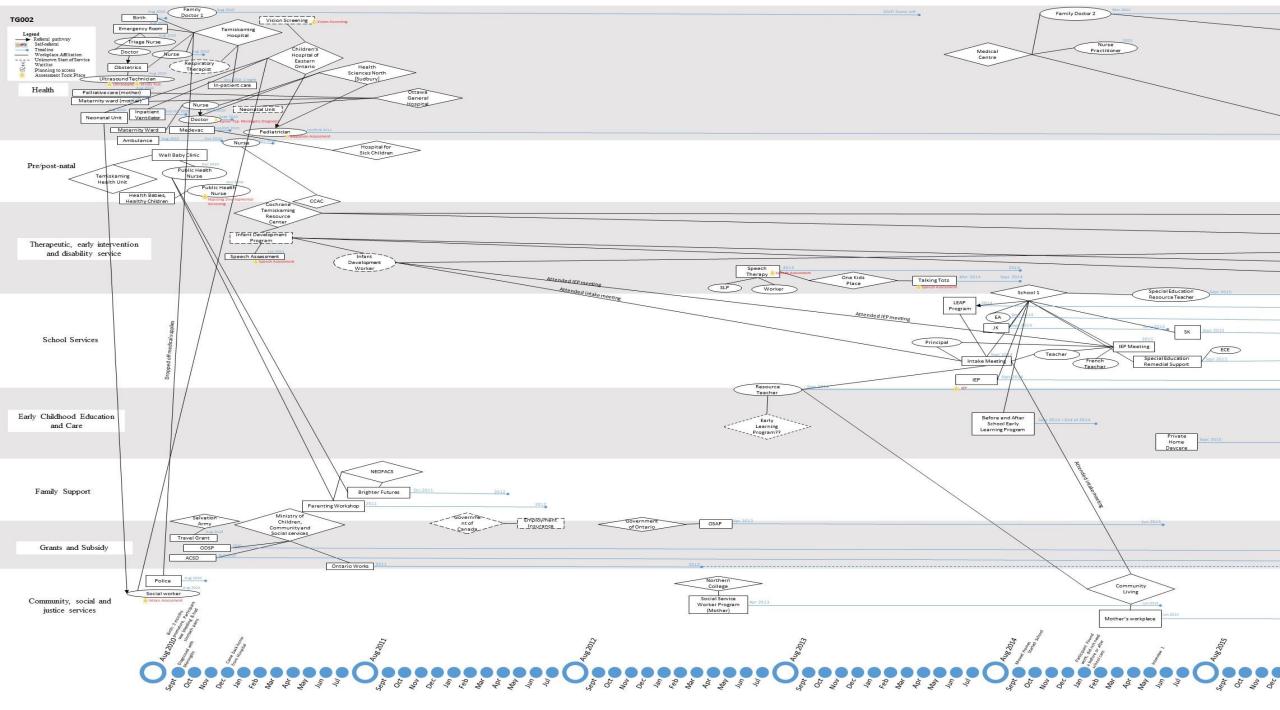
## **IECSS** Research Approach



# **IECSS Communities**



But I think that integrating a lot of services that we see in speciality schools and even public schools into younger earlier childcare services, then it might be a big improvement in the way that kids with disabilities are able to learn.



# **Implications for Rights Frameworks**

- Family attributes
- Diagnosis
- The work of families

## What we have learned through IECSS

- Services Appropriate to the Child and Family
- Preserving Identity
- Providing care free of charge
- Maximizing inclusion

There are services but that has more to do with numbers, and testing, and money than it does with your personal experience and what could actually make a child's life easier.

### Questions to consider

- Inter-dependence is a critical part of understanding disability.
   How is interdependence implicated in a children's rights discourse?
  - Who has the right to speak on behalf of whom?
- Early intervention is a right under the CRPD. What does intervention that honours children's rights look like?
- Are there current rights violations being perpetuated in our current system of disability and education services?

## Thank you

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