



Checklist for Partners

- Have you announced All Belong in your home bulletin?**

A sample announcement is included in this guide.

- Is your school website updated?**

Please refer to this guide for sample text.

- Are your educational support services (ESS) forms updated?**

Please visit allbelong.org/member-center to download updated forms.

- Is your School and/or ESS handbook language up to date?**

Please see refer to this guide for sample text.



Announcement for Home Bulletin / Parent Communications

To make this transition as smooth as possible for students and families, we encourage you to share our new name in your school-to-home communications. Below is a sample announcement you are welcome to use:

Introducing All Belong

Our school is committed to faithfully building belonging for students of all abilities with the partnership of All Belong Center for Inclusive Education. Formerly known as CLC Network, All Belong provides practical partnership through teacher consulting, student educational evaluations, professional development and more to help us ensure that students of all abilities thrive at our school.

Their new brand, launched in Fall 2019, more clearly and boldly articulates the heart of their forty-year, Christ-centered mission: that persons of all abilities belong within community. Our school has worked with All Belong for ## years and is excited to continue building upon this partnership. Learn more about All Belong at allbelong.org.



Updating the School Website

We encourage you to update and share your partnership with All Belong on your school's website, ideally on your partnerships and/or educational support services page(s).

❖ **Sample website language:**

We partner with All Belong Center for Inclusive Education to faithfully build belonging for students of all abilities. Formerly known as the Christian Learning Center or CLC Network, All Belong partners with us to provide teacher consulting, student educational evaluations, professional development, and much more. Learn more at allbelong.org.

❖ **Include All Belong logo**, available for download at allbelong.org/brand

❖ **Frequently Asked Questions:**

Especially for our more recent partners, it may be beneficial to add a frequently asked questions section on your educational support services page. Below are some sample questions and answers we encourage you to include:

What does it mean to be an inclusive school community?

At our school, we believe that each student—regardless of intellectual, physical, behavioral, or socio-emotional ability—belongs within our school. Modeled after 1 Corinthians 12, we believe that diversity of ability is necessary for the body of Christ to be complete and that we bring glory to God when we live, learn, serve, and worship together in interdependent community.

Rooted in this biblical blueprint for community, we believe that inclusive education expresses itself through ownership and friendship. Ownership means that we seek to make a home for each student in the general education classroom, while ensuring each one receives the individualized support they need. Authentic friendship is an important element of belonging. We recognize that some students may require intentional social supports to help them build meaningful relationships with peers. Ultimately, we seek to support students based on their unique gifts and needs as children of God.

The FAQ section is continued on the next page.

Why did my school choose to partner with All Belong?

To help our school fulfill our commitment to the inclusion of students of all abilities, we partner with All Belong Center for Inclusive Education (formerly CLC Network), a national non-profit that provides thought-leadership, innovative practices, and informed advocacy to help us serve each student to the best of our ability. Together, we strive to create a kingdom community that values all members of the body of Christ.

How does All Belong work with my school?

All Belong is focused on providing practical partnership to our school. They do this through teacher consulting, student educational evaluations, leadership support, professional development, and access to a network of inclusive, Christ-centered schools throughout North America.



Updating the School and/or ESS Handbook

In your handbook, we recommend sharing your school's vision to help students of all abilities belong within community and how All Belong helps you fulfill this vision.

◆ **Include the All Belong logo**, available for download at allbelong.org/brand

◆ **Sample handbook language:**

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Disability and Community: A Communication Guide for Inclusive Schools

Are you looking for assistance as you share about inclusive community at your school? Explore the **All Belong Brand Guide** to learn how our core beliefs impact our language, visual communications, approach to storytelling, and more.

Download the guide at allbelong.org/brand

Frequently Asked Questions

As an All Belong Member School, we recognize that you or your staff might have questions about why our organization rebranded and how we arrived at the new name.

❖ Why did you change the organization's name?

As the organization's services evolved over the past 40 years, extensive research conducted in Fall 2018 revealed that the CLC Network (Christian Learning Center) brand was confusing and misleading to the communities we served. All Belong allows us to wear our heart on our sleeve and clearly communicate our mission.

❖ Are you still a Christian organization without 'Christian' in your name?

Absolutely! Our faith is central to our mission. Our faith is communicated through various aspects of our brand. Our tagline "Faithfully building belonging" professes that we work toward this mission of inclusion for persons of all abilities diligently and with the faith that God uses our efforts to transform communities. Our new logo clearly conveys our beliefs about community: each person gathered together in interdependence, pointing toward Christ.

❖ Why is 'Center' still in your name?

To clarify, "All Belong" is the organization's official name and "Center for Inclusive Education" is the descriptor. When "Center" is at the end of a name (like Christian Learning Center), it implies a physical presence. However, when "Center" is at the beginning of a name (like Center for Inclusive Education), it connotes a leadership presence. Center for Inclusive Education helps communicate that we are thought-leaders in helping Christ-centered schools and churches include persons with a variety of abilities.

Have a question about the new brand?

We're happy to talk with you. Please address questions to Katie Barkley, director of marketing and communications, at kbarkley@allbelong.org or (616) 855-3106.