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Inclusion Paper

I had given an interview to a single mother raising a child with down syndrome. I recently have come to know Elynn and her son Anthony as a neighbor to my fiancée and as friends of her and her daughter. We had been asked to help watch Anthony, and make sure that he was on his Head Start bus safely; so each morning, we had an hour of responsibility and observation in which we have never had before.

For me, it is nice to have neighbors to learn from, because I know there are many people who do not have the opportunity of adjusting to their needs and interacting with them socially. It is also interesting to see that Elynn is learning quite a bit herself. Although, she has the responsibilities of taking care of Anthony, she hasn't until now done any research on the topic. The first five years of his life has been raised without guidance and with normal motherly instinct.

I believe that the interview shows mostly that Elynn sees her son not as a burden, but as an exciting challenge to raise and teach his son as any other parent would. She sees the potential in him, and she is proud of the accomplishments that he makes.