

Integration and PWS

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Experiences in Denmark with PWS

- Most often the child is home with the mother the first year
- From age 1: Kindergaden:
- Either:
 - a kindergarden for children with special needs, more staff
 - a little "special group" with extra staff in a normal kindergarden
 - integrated with extra staff support in a normal kindergarden

Intergration in Kindergarden

- Personel must secure that the child with PWS participate in play
- Many children with PWS can sit by themselves, and do not know how to start a play
- Eat lunch with the others, but has own lunch, and are not allowed to taste the others food
- Wash hands , learn hygiene together with the other children
- Dress together with the other children
- Learn how to behave together with other children.

Integration in family

- Participate in all family activities
- Sisters and brither learn how to involve the child in play
- Need of beaks must be respected
- But have "own food"

Integration in school

- In Denmark
- Which school depends of:
 - The child's needs
 - The possibilities of school
- Best: small classes, few children, calm classes.
- structure, security, rules and plans to follow
- participation with bigger groups: support needed

Integration as an adult

- Leisure activities with other adults with special needs
- Job or activities in secured places:
- Enjoy activities with others

- Persons with PWS can have various needs and capacities
- Some love to be in a group
- Others cannot manage more than one contact at the time. Need rest