Special Education Programs
Information, News and Events
August 2017

Next Sped Director Call:
August 15, 2017—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

Join Skype Meeting
Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397
Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:
• Alternate Assessments
• Accommodations
• Ind. 11/12 and 14 Information

STAFF:
Linda Turner, Director
Wendy Trujillo, Assistant Director
Rebecca Cain, Program Specialist
Angel Corrales, Data Manager
Melissa Flor, Program Specialist
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Jamie Morris, Program Specialist
Beth Schiltz, Program Specialist
Ambrea Sikes, Program Specialist
Vacant, Secretary

Sped Program Highlights
Welcome Back!

Melissa Flor previously worked in Special Education Programs office for 10 years. She recently was a Transition Liaison for the South Central area. Melissa will cover region 7 and specialize in the Alternate Assessment.

Federal Program Highlights

New IDEA Website
OSEP announced the release of a brand new Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website! You will find a new design, search capabilities, targeted content, and enhanced accessibility features. Click on heading to visit website.

DEC has released its Position Statement on Challenging Behavior and Young Children (July 2017) to readdress the significance of healthy social-emotional competence of all children and provide guidance to practitioners, teachers, and families in preventing and effectively responding to challenging behaviors. DEC’s position includes culturally sustaining, family-focused practices, as well as, a commitment to inclusion, professional development, technical assistance, and using approaches that eliminate suspension and expulsion.

DOE Program Highlights

Report Card pre-appeal window to open soon.
The annual Report Card pre-appeal window is the time for districts to review their accountability data, prior to public release of the data and the State Report Card going live on DOE’s website Sept. 19. This year’s pre-appeal window is expected to open Aug. 16, at which time it is critical that districts’ accountability teams take time to review their accountability data carefully, so any errors can be addressed prior to public release. Please be on the lookout for an email alerting you to availability of the data.

“The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you”
B.B. King
SPED Updates in Infinite Campus
Campus took an update which included updates to Special Education simple forms and accommodations. The simple forms now include the new eligibility documents.

New Director Webinars
This series of webinars is directed at new special education directions (0-3 years) to learn more about processes required by the Department of Education.

Time: Time: 3:00-4:30pm CST (webinars will be recorded and posted after the training)

CEU’s available for registered participants who participate on the live call. Roll call will be taken, please be sure to sign in with full name for credit.

Webinar 1: Accountability/RDA - September 26th
Webinar 2: Child Count - October 30th
Webinar 3: Dispute Resolution - November 14th
Webinar 4: SPP/APR - December 12th
Webinar 5: Fiscal/Budget - January 23rd

Northern Plains Law Conference
The Northern Plains Law Conference on Students with Disabilities will cover special education legal issues, including the latest information from due process hearings, circuit court cases, OSEP/OCR guidance letters, and basic IDEA procedural requirements.

This conference is designed for general/special education staff, administrators, state/school district attorneys, state education agency staff, related services staff, parents, and other stakeholders.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Pre-Conference Registration: October 2nd, 2017
Conference Registration: Oct. 3-4th, 2017

IEP Workshops
August 14-16 Douglas—Francis Case Elementary
August 16-18—SD School for the Deaf
August 21-23—Lead-Deadwood School

State Library Resources
The South Dakota State Library is constantly adding new resources. The information about these new additions is sent out to several listservs including the South Dakota public libraries and the South Dakota school libraries. Below are just a few of the more recent additions.


Cultivating Mindfulness in the classroom / Jeanie M. Iberlin with Mike Ruyle. (teachers, job stress); Bloomington, Indiana : Solution Tree, 2017; BF637.M56 I34 2017 #967974621

Collaborative Teams that Transform Schools : the Next Step in PLCs / Robert J. Marzano. (professional learning communities); Bloomington, Indiana : Marzano Research, 2016; LB1731.M37 2016 #938401878

Designing Effective Classroom Management / Jason E. Harlacher. (classroom management); Bloomington, Indiana : Marzano Research, 2015; LB3013.H37 2015 #910088118


If you find a title(s) of interest, contact your school library or your public library. If you do not have access to either of those you can contact the State Library (773-3131) or email ill@state.sd.us and they will be able to help you.

SPED Program Feature Presentation

SPP Resource Binders
Each district will receive a resource binder within the next couple of months. A short webinar that outlines resources made available to you in the binder can be viewed at http://www.doe.sd.gov/oess/SPED-webinars.aspx.

Resource Include:
1. Linking data College, Career, and Life Ready goals
2. Data Collection
   • How is data collected
   • When is data collected
   • Where is data collected
   • Who collects/reports the data
1. Handouts and Resources for each indicator
2. Guiding questions to improve results and outcomes

If you will be in the Pierre area and would like to pick up your binder, please contact:
Wendy.Trujillo@state.sd.us