

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

October 2016



Next Sped Director Call:

Oct. 18, 2016—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- Transfer Student Procedures
- Provision for Special Education
- B-3 Updates
- In-school Suspension

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Dr, Seuss

Sped Program Highlights

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month! Please visit <http://www.nclld.org>, and <https://dyslexiaida.org> for more information on dyslexia and other learning disabilities. A good resource for parents is <https://www.understood.org/> which includes features *Through Their Eyes* which has disability simulations.

Federal Program Highlights

English Language Learners

The U.S. Department of Education released non-regulatory guidance to help states, districts and schools provide effective services to improve the English language proficiency and academic achievement of English learners (ELs) through Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The guidance is an effort to ensure that students who are English learners receive the high-quality services they need to be college and career ready. Full guidance released today can be found [here](#).

Departments of Justice/Education Release Tools To Help States Implement School Resource Officers

The U.S. Departments of Justice and Education have released new tools to help states, schools, and law enforcement incorporate school resource officers and campus police to create positive learning environments and to keep youth safe. Read the [press release](#) announcing the departments' new tools for incorporating school resource officers.

DOE Program Highlights

[Statewide Mentoring Program](#)

The 2016 Legislature created a program to provide for the mentoring of teachers new to the profession in South Dakota school districts. The program provides new teachers access to a mentor teacher for a period of two years, along with participation in a summer workshop following the first year of employment.

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

Dispute Resolution in Special Education Matters: What are Your Options?

November 15, 2016 2-4pm CT

This webinar will review the methods for resolving disputes between parents and school officials with regard to special education services. What is the role of the IEP Team? How should the district respond when there is a dispute? How does a "complaint" differ from a due process hearing? The webinar will cover all this and more, with an emphasis on practical application and plenty of time for Q and A.

New Eligibility Documents Webinar

November 8, 2016 2-4 pm CT

19th Annual Youth Leadership Forum

June 4-8, 2017

Application deadline—December 12, 2016

New Transition Conference

Let's Talk about Work

A one-day conference designed specifically for students who have a disability and want to learn more about careers and how to get a paid job in the community.

Audience: Students 14 years old and up, parents, teachers, school counselors

Date: November 15, 9-3 (registration 8:30—9)

Additional events being scheduled for Aberdeen and Rapid City areas.

Early Childhood BDI-2 Training

The Department of Education will be hosting a 2-day Battelle Developmental Inventory 2 (BDI-2) training for early childhood teachers and service providers. The primary focus will be on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the BDI-2.

Participants will learn about the history of why the BDI-2 was created, the process of creating an assessment tool, the organization of the tool (domains and subdomains), as well as options for scoring and reporting data using the Data Manager and Mobile Data Solution.

A second day has been added to build more foundational knowledge, review real items, practice administering items, and review of child profiles.

Sped Connections Orientation Webinar

Michael Rhoads from Sped Connections will take you through how to navigate the site and effectively research special education topics.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Time: 4:00 pm, Central Daylight Time

2017 Special Education Conference

NEEDS PRESENTERS!

Join us on March 21 and 22 at the Lodge in Deadwood for the 2017 Special Education Conference. Please see the attached Call for Papers. If you know of someone who is doing great things for students, please encourage them to present!

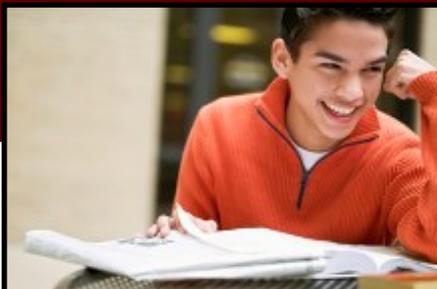
Coming Soon...

2017 Multi-tiered Systems of Support Education Summer Conference

The MTSS Summer Education Conference will be held June 28 and 29 in Chamberlain, SD at the Cedar Shore Resort. More information coming soon.

New Special Education Director Workshop

This workshop is developed to provide new directors the tools they need to be successful. You will receive guidance on special education resources, state performance plan data collection requirements, where to receive technical assistance and much more.



Sped Program Feature Presentation

Sped Connections

Provides information on special education best practices, trends in special education, case law, federal statutes/regulations, Dear Colleague letters and many more topics related to special education services.

You can search for topics such as:

- Autism
- Behavior and Discipline
- Early Childhood
- Transportation
- LRE
- IEPs
- And many more!

Sped Connections is available to all South Dakota districts and their staff. Each district has two log in options. Administrators have a full license and everyone else can be provided the login for a limited access site. Please contact your special education director for access, Special Ed Directors can contact Sped Connections at:

Customer Service 1 800-341-7874
SpecialEdConnection@lrp.com

Particularly useful are the Smart Starts with 453 briefs on the most common special ed issues:

Home Section 504 Early Childhood Behavior & Discipline Technology Sped
Sample Forms & Tools SmartStarts Stats/Reqs Federal Pol
Printable Version
SmartStart: Assigning Grade
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This SmartStart is updated with references to the IDEA, the 2006 IDEA Part B reg to the Part B regulations, the ADA Amendments Act, and the Every Student Suc
Overview
Where students with disabilities are concerned, the assignment of grades presents a P of the IDEA, along with changes brought under ESSA, allow for modified systems

If you have questions, please contact your regional representative.