

Special Education Programs

Information, News, and Events

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“The best teachers are those who show you where to look but don’t tell you what to see.”

-Alexandra
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Sped Program Highlights:

- Congratulations to Wendy Trujillo on her promotion to Assistant Director
- [Special Education Programs has two open positions posted](#)
 - [Early Childhood Program Specialist– Posting #6073](#)
 - [Special Education Monitoring / Accountability Specialist – Posting #6074](#)

Sped Director Monthly Meeting, February 16, 2016, 10:00 central

Connect through Skype for Business at: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

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

- Accommodations
- Transition
- Data tips
- Behavior Tips

Federal Program Highlights:

- [OSEP Letter on Guidance on Missed Related Services](#): OSEP reiterated Clarke 2007 letter still relevant, and encourages public agencies to consider the impact of a provider’s absence or a child’s absence on the child’s progress and performance. As noted in the letter, the determination of whether an interruption in services constitutes a denial of a free appropriate public education is an individual determination that must be made on a case-by-case basis.
- NCII ([National Center on Intensive Intervention](#)) is a national technical assistance center funded by OSEP. Their mission is to build district and school capacity to support implementation of data-based individualization in reading, mathematics, and behavior for students with severe and persistent learning and/or behavioral needs. Subscribe to newsletter for resources and [participate or access free recorded webinars](#).

DOE Program Highlights – Danielson Resources for Sped:

The South Dakota Framework for Teaching (Danielson model) is the framework adopted for the evaluations of teachers’ professional practices. Recently, the Danielson Group created additional [examples and guided questions for teaching professionals with unique roles and functions](#). These tools can help the evaluator and the person being evaluated facilitate meaningful conversations. Included are examples and guided questions for teachers of students with Autism, multiple disabilities, Life Skills, blind or visually impaired, emotional disturbance, speech and language, and deaf or hard of hearing. Please email contact@danielsongroup.org if you have questions related to this resource.

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Accommodations

Having trouble deciding if a student's accommodations are working? The accommodations manual has many useful tools to help with decision making for accommodations. There is even a tool to help decide if a student needs a Read Aloud accommodation. The SD Accommodation Manual can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped-IEP.aspx>

Professional Development: **(click on the titles to go to registration site)**

- **CANCELED: The dyslexia trainings scheduled for the dates below have been CANCELED:** Working with students with dyslexia.
 - o Rapid City, August 2 and 3
 - o Aberdeen August 8 and 9
 - o Sioux Falls, August 10 and 11Please contact Becky Cain at Rebecca.Cain@state.sd.us with any questions.
- [Save the Date for the 2016 Transition Summer Institute.](#) The 2016 Transition Summer Institute will be held at NSU, Aberdeen, SD on June 7-9, 2016. The theme for the Institute is Person Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition Planning. More information and registration will be coming soon.
- [How to REACH those you TEACH](#)
 - Feb. 29- Behaviors and Behavior Plans
 - March 14- Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - o Registration is closed, however you can still view the webinars without being registered. You will not receive the 2 contact hours unless you registered prior to and attended the Jan. 11th and Feb. 1st webinar.

The office of special education is excited to offer webinars that are specifically designed for general educators that will help you reach all students in your classrooms. The past year we received many requests from teachers and administrators asking for professional development in assisting with students with disabilities that who are integrated in the general classroom. Participants will learn tips, tricks, and the basics of special education. Contact [Wendy Trujillo](#), South Dakota Department of Education, at (605) 773-8071 with questions.

- [Special Education Conference registration is now open!](#)
 - o March 22 and 23 at the Ramkota in Pierre SD (Please see attached flyer for more information)
 - o Please contact Becky Cain at Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us with any questions

Professional Development Cont...: (click on the titles to go to registration site)

- [Top 20 Training Save the Date](#)
 - July 18 and 19 in Rapid City
 - July 20 and 21 in Sioux Falls
 - More information and registration coming soon
 - Please contact Becky Cain at Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us with any questions
- [The Center for Disabilities is providing a training on working with students who are Deaf-Blind.](#)
Please see attached flyer for more information.
- [Alternate Assessment Administration - DSTEP Alt and NCSC](#)
 - March 7– Watertown Lake Area Tech – Student Center Rm 514 - 1PM to 4PM
 - March 8 – Sioux Falls – Southeast Tech – NC 101 – 9AM – 12PM
 - March 9 – Oacoma – Cedar Shores – 9AM -12PM
 - March 10 – Rapid City – Ramkota – Lincoln Room – 9AM – 12PM
- [Education Summer Conference featuring Anita Archer!](#) Registration information coming soon
 - June 28 and 29 at the Cedar Shores Hotel in Chamberlain (please see attached flyer for more information)
 - Please contact Becky Cain at Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us with any questions
- [Catch the Wave.](#) A one-day conference designed specifically for high school students who have a disability and are considering post-secondary education at a college or technical institute. See attached flyer for registration information.
- ["I've Got a Lot to Say" An Instructional and Assessment Look at Communication](#)
SD DOE Special Education Programs, members from our Augmentative and Alternative Communication/Community of Practice, and ACERI Partners are hosting a workshop specifically to improve the communication practices for our Alternate Assessment learners. This ½ day workshop will look at some recently produced NCSC communication tools, along with standards-based instructional skills and practices. See attached flyer for more information.
 - Sioux Falls – March 1st – 9 am to 1 pm (CT)
 - Rapid City – March 3rd – 9 am to 1pm (MT)