

EC Division Weekly Update
August 4, 2021

Updates to the EC Division Padlet

Items of Interest

Per Reporting Period

Since the announcement that Per Reporting Period (PRP) would be removed from ECATS on September 15, 2021, there has been much feedback and concerns expressed from directors, related service providers and practitioners. The EC Division has taken into consideration these concerns, and as such, have adjusted the sunset of PRP, and support to be provided around this change. Please see the memo regarding the change in the timeline and additional plan for support and resources (**ATTACHED**). Additional listservs will receive this information 48 hours following the release of this communication.

Federal Reporting:

Reminders and Updates

- Indicator 7 Count opens August 2, 2021 and is due by close of business August 20, 2021.
- Indicator 11 Count opens October 1, 2021 and is due by close of business October 29, 2021.
- Training videos and resources for Indicator 7 and Indicator 11 and Exit Count are accessible from the ECATS website

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- The Indicator 12 spreadsheet, along with the Child Find & Transition Calculator and Instructions are accessible from the ECATS website under Reporting (<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/reporting>).
- Additional federal reporting resources, such as video recordings and PowerPoint presentations, from previous Federal Reporting Office Hours sessions are forthcoming. They will be posted to the ECATS website.

Federal Reporting Office Hours:

As a reminder, the next Federal Reporting Office Hours will be this Wednesday, August 4th 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Khalilah O'Farrow-Boulware at khalilah.ofarrow@dpi.nc.gov. To join in and ask any questions about upcoming federal reporting, please use the following link: <https://ncgov.webex.com/meet/khalilah.ofarrow>. You can also find the link to join the federal reporting office hours sessions on the ECATS website under Resources: Federal Reporting Office Hours. Sessions are on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Fiscal Updates

PRC 32

A portion of PRC 032 was allotted under the state's continuation budget. If you received an allotment for your state EC funding and it was less than expected, be advised this was only a partial allotment until a state budget is approved.

Special Grants (Risk Pool, Special State Reserve, Developmental Day, Community Residential, Group/Foster Home and Out of District)

Training will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 and Thursday, September 2, 2021.
Special Grants will open on September 7, 2021

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MOE

- Expenditure Training will be scheduled in September. The training will include a different MOE spreadsheet for PSUs to submit. The MOE Calculation Form utilized in the past, with the breakdown of the budget codes, will not be used. The finance officer can continue to calculate MOE expenditures in the same manner as previous years.
- MOE Expenditure Table will open for PSUs with approved IDEA grant on October 1, 2021 and will be due on October 31, 2021.

Budgets

As we continue to learn and navigate the CCIP system with migration of the budgets. We ask for your patience as issues arise. Initially there were some issues with the IDEA 611 and 619. We believe this is taken care of at this point.

- Budget Carryover for Federal PRC 082, 118 & 119 and 167 are yet to be uploaded into NCCCIP from DPI, we have noticed some discrepancies with some of the budgets that PSUs have submitted with the budgets that will be pulled in from DPI. This may cause a delay in final approval of the budgets.
- When the carryover is uploaded from NCDPI, the submitted budgets will be reviewed.
- If the carryover matches the submitted budget, the budget will be approved.
- If the carryover in the budget does not match the carryover amount from NCDPI, the budget will be denied and will need a revision before approval.

PRC 82

Please review the memo as appropriate per your engagement in the NCSIP project. **(ATTACHED)**

- Received a No-Cost Extension for the period of 10/1/21-9/30/22.
- There will be no reversions.
- Funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2022 and expended by December 30, 2022.

PRC 167

In addition to the budget alignment, the submitted budget must also match the Use of Funds from the 2021 grant or a grant revision must be submitted in the 2021 ESSER Funds – EC grant application.

PRC 132 and 167

- End of Year updates will be requested for COVID relief funding.
- Tentative due date is close of business on Friday, October 1, 2020.
- More detailed information will be shared in future communications.

IDEA Grant Award Notification (GAN)

- After allotment information is provided, an IDEA Grant Award Notification (GAN) letter will be generated by the NCCCIP system.
- This GAN serves as the notification of the funding received and the period availability.
- The GAN will be sent to all PSU personnel listed as EC Director, Finance Officer, and Superintendent.

**** Note**

We are currently working on an End of Year Report for IDEA and Special Grants. Will be providing more information at a later date.

NC SEL & Educational Equity Project

NCDPI is excited to offer the *NC SEL & Educational Equity Project* to all interested Public School Units (PSU). This second cohort will begin at the end of this month and will run through November of 2022. Currently, the first cohort, including 42 PSUs across the state, has been actively involved for almost a year and continues to report positive impacts as a

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result. For more information about joining this exciting work, please see this [memo](#) today. **The information is time sensitive. (ATTACHED).**

Educational Interpreter Coaching Initiative

In last week's weekly update, the mentoring program for educational interpreters who currently do not satisfy the new requirements for employment passed by the State Board of Education and effective July 1, 2021, was announced. As a reminder, any educational interpreter working in a PSU who has an Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) score that is below a 3.5 is eligible to participate. Please share the [EdTerpCoaching2021](#) link with your eligible interpreters. Antwan Campbell will also directly contact the EC Directors and Interpreters who meet the eligibility criteria. For questions, please contact Antwan Campbell, Antwan.campbell@dpi.nc.gov.

CEC Partnership

The Exceptional Children Division is pleased to announce a partnership with CEC and NC CEC aimed at increasing supports for early career special education teachers. In the coming weeks, please be on the lookout for a list of teachers on their first year of special education license in your Public-School Unit that was derived from our licensure division. We will need this list to be reviewed and modified for any additions or deletions to this list.

Cued Language for Beginners Class

The Sensory Support and Assistive Technology Section will be hosting a Cued Language for Beginners class on September 23, 2021 - September 24, 2021, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the GTCC Greensboro Campus. Cued Language or Cued Speech is a visual form of communication used by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. If interested in attending this course, please email antwan.campbell@dpi.nc.gov

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COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION
