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News !

Adapted Physical Education Educator

The Office of Exceptional Children is seeking an Adapted Physical Educator to complete some specific project deliverables. If you have an interest in this short-term contract, please contact Dreama McCoy at dreama.mccoy@dpi.nc.gov

Cooperative Regional Shortage Initiative (CRSI)

The Office of Exceptional Children is seeking information regarding PSUs who may be interested in participating in a Cooperative, intended to assist them in meeting the difficult task of recruiting and retaining Special Education and Related Services positions. If you are interested in participating in this Cooperative, please complete the survey linked below.

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0xpyRb2yEauS90i

IDEA Grant and Budget Update

The Object Code 122 EC-Salary-Interim Teacher-Non-Certified has been removed from the Chart of Accounts for all federal EC Funds. EC Teachers paid from federal funds are required to hold licensure in Exceptional Children.

2023 IDEA Grant Applications

All initial 2023 IDEA grant applications must have regional coordinator requested corrections completed and re-submitted. Once the new submission is completed the approved grant will be returned for Chief Administrator Approval. This must be done no later than **July 31, 2022**.

August Directors' Webinar

The next EC Directors' webinar will be held Tuesday, August 16th, from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please register at this [link](#). An agenda will be shared in the near future.

Items of Interest

Tip Sheet: Beginning of the Year Resources

This tip sheet was designed to curate resources in one location for frequent activities (e.g., transfers, new teachers, ECATS) or activities that occur most often at the beginning of the school year. The link to the specific resources are hyperlinked with the digital breadcrumbs following. **(ATTACHED)**

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register is July 27, 2022. More information about Family Story Time can be found at the [Making Stories Sparkle for Children with Complex Learning Needs website](#).

Updated FAQ: Determining Service Delivery

The original FAQ for Determining Service Delivery, because of the transition away from per reporting period, was released with the technical assistance package on June 27, 2022, via the EC Director's Weekly Update. Since release, additional questions have been submitted to the OEC. The attached document provides the new questions with OEC responses. This was also released in the Monday Message on July 18, 2022. **(ATTACHED)**

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ECATS Monday Message - Updated FAQ: Determining Service Delivery

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71st Conference on Exceptional Children Conference Proposal Submission - EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST

The call for proposals for general conference sessions at the 71st Conference on Exceptional Children has been extended through **August 26, 2022**. Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis and prospective presenters should contact ECConfProposals@dpi.nc.gov if they have not received an email with acceptance or regret within two weeks of submitting a proposal. Please visit the [Call for Proposals](#) survey to submit.

Federal Reporting

- **Indicator 7**

All Public-School Units are responsible for certifying Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes in ECATS. The certification schedule for Indicator 7 begins August 1, 2022 and is due by close of business August 19, 2022.

- **Indicator 11**

All Public-School Units are responsible for certifying Indicator 11: Child Find in ECATS. The certification schedule for Indicator 11 begins October 3, 2022 and is due by close of business October 31, 2022.

- **Indicator 12**

Indicator 12 must be submitted via spreadsheet by all Traditional Public-School Units prior to the due date of October 31, 2022. Charter Schools and State Operated Programs do not need to submit an Indicator 12 spreadsheet this year. The Indicator 12 spreadsheet can be accessed from the ECATS Reporting website at: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/reporting>. Please email all completed Indicator 12 spreadsheets to ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov.



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- **Indicator 14**

Selected Public-School Units are responsible for documenting post school outcomes survey data in ECATS for each student that graduated, dropped out, received a certificate, or aged out during the 2020-21 school year as reported in the 2020-21 Exit Report. All Post-School Outcome survey data are to be entered in ECATS by September 16, 2022. Your cooperation in meeting the deadline for data submission is greatly appreciated. The ECATS Reporting site has access to multiple resources on Indicator 14, including the recorded Indicator 14 training session. You can access these resources from the following link: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/classroom-resources/exceptional-children/every-child-accountability-tracking-system-ecats/reporting>

- **Important Federal Reporting Reminder: Submission Timeliness**

If your district does not certify the data required for Indicators by the due date, your data may be certified by state staff. The integrity of the data is always at risk when the Department of Public Instruction must finalize the data for your district.

- **Information from Monday Message – 07/18/2022**

[Monday Message 7.18.22.pdf \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

Grant Information

- **2023 IDEA Grant for New Charter Schools**

Charter schools opening for the first year in 2022 – 2023, will be trained on the IDEA Grant application in early December 2022. The application will open for submission after the mandatory training. A due date for the submission will be determined when the planning allotments for the new charter schools are released by DPI School Business.

Additional Information from School Business Newsletter – 07/15/22

[School Business Newsletter 07.15.22](#)

PK EC Items of Interest

2021-2023 NC Pre-K Program Requirements and Guidance revised July2022

DCDEE recently shared updated NC Pre-K Program Requirements with local contract administrators. Please be sure to review the document as it applies to your program. Moving forward please use the revised copy. Also, the [2021-2023 NC Pre-K Program Requirements and Guidance](#) link is now available on the DCDEE website.
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2022-2023 Teaching Strategies GOLD® Requirements

NC DPI began funding Teaching Strategies GOLD® for public school preschool classrooms that were not already funded by NC Pre-K in the 2021-2022 school year. Please find the attached requirements memo for the 2022-



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2023 school year. The Office of Early Learning looks forward to our continued collaboration as we support your district's implementation efforts. Please contact your OEL Regional Consultant with any questions.
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Action Items/What's Due?

July Calendar Items

- July 27th Program Compliance Cohort [Survey](#) Due
- July 31st IDEA Grant completed, including Chief Administrator Signature