

EC Division Weekly Update
August 11, 2021

Updates to the EC Division Padlet
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Statewide Corrective Action - Technical Assistance Items *(repeated from 7/14/21 Weekly Update)*

The original shared Google drive for these items has been disabled. The parent notification letter (English and Spanish), Suspected Disabilities video, and Revisions to MTSS procedures video has been moved to the EC Division padlet for future reference. If you need the password to access this padlet, please contact your Regional Consultant.

<u>Items of Interest</u>

Conference on Exceptional Children Call for Proposals

70th Conference on Exceptional Children The call for proposals for general conference sessions for the 70th Exceptional Children Conference, Going Platinum: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future, was distributed on Monday, July 19, 2021. It is attached again for your convenience. Please share this opportunity with your staff and other stakeholders that may be interested in submitting a proposal.

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Invitation to Showcase School-Based Enterprises at the 70th Conference on Exceptional Children

Applications to showcase school-based enterprises during the conference will be approved on a first come, first served basis. The online application can be found [here](#) and will be available until September 17, 2021. If interested, please submit ONE application per LEA even if multiple enterprises will be showcased. Please see the memo for additional details and plan to share with appropriate staff. **(ATTACHED)**

ECATS: "Monthly" Added

"Monthly" will be added as a service frequency option to special education and related services in ECATS on August 15th and is expected to be live in the system on Monday, August 16th. This notification will be repeated in the Monday Message planned for August 16th.

ECATS: Scheduled Maintenance

The ECATS system will be down for scheduled maintenance between 8:00 PM Saturday, August 21 and 10:00 AM Sunday, August 22. This message will also be displayed on the ECATS landing page.

NC House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Education - Proposed Special Provisions

Please be advised that Senate Bill 105 was proposed on August 5, 2021, and includes a number of items regarding remote learning, virtual instruction and other items that may impact exceptional children programs. The EC Division is monitoring this bill carefully in light of the requests from the field for further technical assistance regarding the use/appropriateness of continuing the use of remote learning contingency plans. The final iteration and passage of this bill is critical to providing our best and final guidance. Please continue to watch for updates as we plan to engage the Director's Advisory Committee in discussion regarding this topic at our upcoming meeting on August 17th.

PRC 118 Autism Funding for 2021-2022

The Exceptional Children (EC) Division allocates PRC 118 Autism funding to assist Public School Units (PSUs) and educators with building capacity in improving services to students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) through accessing and providing professional learning (PL) and ongoing support.

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There will be two levels of support and funding available. PSUs can choose to participate in either General Support or Team Support based on their priorities regarding autism programming and in alignment with their LEA Self-Assessment.

The General Support level will allow PSUs to access ASD specific PL for the purpose of increasing educators' knowledge and use of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) to provide services to students with ASD.

The Team Support level is available for PSUs to:

- Access PL for the purpose of increasing educators' implementation of effective services to students with ASD.
- Develop or maintain an Autism Support Team with the skills needed to provide support within the PSU.
- Provide PL and ongoing support within the PSU through consultation and/or coaching.

Funding amounts allocated will be dispersed in a lump sum based on PSU Average Daily Membership (ADM). A memo outlining acceptable use of funding will be disseminated when allocations are disbursed.

- Review these linked documents that provide details regarding [General Support](#) and [Team Support](#).
- Prepare for your Request for Funding by reviewing and planning responses for these [Questions for PRC 118 Autism Request for Funding](#).
- Complete your [Request for Funding Form](#) by **September 3, 2021**.

The NCDPI Autism Team will be holding informational webinars for PSUs to attend if they have questions regarding submission of their Request for Funding. These webinars will be in the format of a question-and-answer session and are scheduled for:

- August 30, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- August 31, 2021, from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

You can access either session at amanda.passmore@ncgov.webex.com.

Questions regarding modeling programming sites for Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or PRC 118 Autism Funding may be directed to asdteam@dpi.nc.gov.

Updates with the North Carolina State Improvement Project.

Developmental Reviews

- Remember to schedule with your regional consultant, if you haven't already. Be sure to update your draft DR you completed in June for this meeting.

No-Cost Extension

- In the August 4th weekly EC Division Communication, the [memo](#) about no-cost extension for NC SIP Funds was included. Please review for your information.

International Dyslexia Association's Annual Conference

- In October, many of the Literacy Consultants will be volunteering at the International Dyslexia Association's annual conference. If your implementation plan specifies includes follow-up training

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to RRtCP, this would be an appropriate use of your no-cost extension funds. If you are interested in attending in person or virtually, visit dyslexiacon.org.

State Performance Plan Stakeholder Offer

In thanks for your engagement in our stakeholder meetings in the next three months (August / September / October), we are excited to offer an opportunity for two FREE registrations to the 70th Conference on Exceptional Children. This year's theme is: *"Going Platinum: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future"*. For each Stakeholder meeting you attend, your name will be entered into a drawing for FREE registration to the conference. Two lucky stakeholders will be notified of their free Conference registration by 10/12/21.

Stakeholder Engagement in Selecting SPP/APR New Targets and Improvement Strategies

Please share [this invitation](#), which includes meeting times/log-in information, with your networks of parents of students with disabilities, staff, community partners, PTAs, and any other organizations with specific interest in the outcomes of students with disabilities.

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COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION
