

Educational Equity and Significant Disproportionality Webinar Series

NC State Board of Education, Office of Exceptional Children and Integrated Academic Behavior Systems

IDEA requires States and local educational agencies (LEAs) to take steps to determine the existence of and address significant disproportionality in special education.

The purpose of the webinar series on Educational Equity and Significant Disproportionality are designed to inform and guide Public School Units (PSUs) as they seek to eliminate significant disproportionality. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations were created to promote equity in IDEA and ensure that children with and without disabilities are properly identified and receive necessary services, address over and under identification, placement and discipline with respect to race and ethnicity. The sessions are 90 minutes in length with questions and answers during the last 10 minutes of the webinar.

Thursday, September 22, 2022 (3:00pm-4:30pm)

Presenter: Dr. Edward Fergus

Title: Addressing Disproportionality and Advancing Educational Equity in Post-Pandemic

Dr. Edward “Eddie” Fergus is the Professor of Urban Education and Policy at Rutgers University. His work explores the effects of educational policy and practice as it intersects the lives of populations living in vulnerable conditions. More specifically, his policy work extrapolates the relationship between discipline codes of conduct, gifted program practice, and academic referral processes and the educational outcomes of low-income and racial/ethnic minority student populations. Dr. Fergus has worked with over 120 school districts since 2004 on educational equity and school reform, specifically addressing disproportionality in special education and suspension.

Target Audience: General Educators, Special Educators, Administrators seeking to improve knowledge and skills on understanding.

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