

Weekly Update June 7, 2023

General Information

DeafBlind Awareness Month

The month of June is DeafBlind Awareness month. Governor Roy Cooper has issued a <u>proclamation</u>.

<u>DeafBlind information & resources</u> are available through the <u>North Carolina DeafBlind Project</u> and the <u>National Center on DeafBlindness</u>. Thank you for all you are doing to support learners with DeafBlindness!

Administrative/Supervisory

Director's Webinar – June 20, 2023

The purpose of this webinar is to share the monitoring results from the statewide monitoring activity for the implementation of the updated policy for Autism that occurred in July 2020. OEC Staff will highlight trends observed during monitoring and identify potential trouble spots that may require local intervention. Please note – based on the monitoring results, <u>no statewide corrective action for the identification of Autism using the new policy will be required</u>. However, technical assistance in the form of the AU Eligibility Course in NCEES will be made available for strengthening local practices will be discussed during the webinar.

Since this webinar has not been previously announced, it is understood that participation may be adversely impacted as a result. Therefore, this webinar will be recorded and shared afterward. Registration is required – the link can be found below.

EC Directors Webinar-June
Date and time:
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 10:00 AM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Register link:

https://ncgov.webex.com/weblink/register/r48ee6d0415848fae507d0b0864372fdd

ECATS: IEP-At-A-Glance

The OEC is pleased to announce that the IEP-At-A-Glance tool will be available in ECATS on July 1, 2023. This tool will compile critical components of a finalized IEP necessary for sharing with a students' teachers for the implementation of the IEP across all settings. A tip sheet with directions has been included with this update. (ATTACHED)

PRC 118 Funding Requests

Please be advised that July 1, 2023, is the deadline for submitting funding requests for Autism. Given the need to provide timely allocations of funds for the 2023-2024 school year, the OEC will not be able to accept applications for this funding after this date.



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School-based Enterprise Bazaar Applications

Applications are now being accepted for School-based Enterprise Bazaar display tables for the 72nd Conference on Exceptional Children. Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis and notification of acceptance will be emailed to the contacts listed on the application by Friday, August 18, 2023. Once the number of applications exceeds fourteen (14), additional applicants will be put on a waiting list. Please submit only one application per PSU to include all participating schools. The application may be found within the attached memo.

Instructional/Related Services/Disability Specific

2023 Summer Tuition Reimbursement

The 2023 Summer Tuition Reimbursement opportunity is now available. Please forward the attached memo and instructions to residency or provisionally licensed teachers or current teacher assistants who are seeking to become fully certified as an exceptional children's teacher in grades K-12. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 4. (ATTACHED)

NEW! Updated Guidance Flowchart for the ECS and Training Video

The NCDPI Office of Exceptional Children Guidance Flowchart for IEP team making the decision to place a child on the Extended Content Standards has been revised. The new guidance flowchart and a training video can be found on NCDPI's ECS webpage under 1% information. Please refer to the guidance flowchart to see the changes.

Early Childhood

NC-ELN Website Transition

As of June 30, 2023, the NC-ELN website will no longer be available. We are developing a DPI-based site and plans for sharing training and resource content. In the meantime, please be sure you have downloaded any training materials you need within the near future.

Help Shape NC Early Childhood Foundation's Policy Priorities and Strategy

<u>NCECF</u> is pleased to invite you to provide input into our strategic planning; your time and insight are valuable resources. We consider you and your organization as core partners that can provide valuable insight into where NCECF can have the greatest impact in advancing the wellbeing of children and families.

Please take 10 minutes to *provide input through this survey* by June 23.

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New Directors' Leadership Institute (NDLI) 2023-25 Cohort

Please see the memo and application for the next cohort of NDLI. (ATTACHED)



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Calendar Items/What's Due?

June 20	Director's Webinar 10:00am
June 29	Summer Institute Registration closes
June 30	ECATS IEP-AT-A-GLANCE goes live!
July 1	PRC 118 Autism Request for Funding due
	PRC029 Behavior Support Grant Final Submission
July 14	HB 317 Data Collection
July 15	Educational Interpreter/Transliterator Training Hours Report Due