



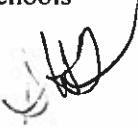
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Memorandum

TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
Lead Administrators, Charter Schools
School Psychologists

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director
Exceptional Children Division 

DATE: January 25, 2019

RE: Professional Learning Sessions (4 dates)
Evaluation and Identification of SLD within an Instructional Model
Target Audience: School Psychologists

School psychologists are essential in supporting the system level work while also providing the practitioner level skills needed to evaluate and identify learning disabilities within an instructional model. The system level services that school psychologists offer connect directly to their *consultation and collaboration* domain of practice, while the practice domain specific to *data-based decision making and accountability* is a critical practitioner level component within this model.

Through the five criteria established within the 2020 SLD policy, practitioners will engage collectively to plan local support of their system, while also gaining knowledge and skills that they may readily apply into their everyday practice in implementing an instructional (RtI-based) model of evaluation.

Practitioners who are fully implementing an instructional model of SLD evaluation and identification will assist in facilitation of these sessions and support practitioners by drawing from their respective work at the local level. Planning tools and resources will be reviewed and offered for use by practitioners in supporting their system's transition, as well as their own practice, in evaluating and identifying SLD within an MTSS.

TOPICS: Instruction, Intervention and Exclusionary Factors	
February 25, 2019 (9am-4pm)	Lenoir County Cooperative Extension 1791 NC-11 S, Kinston, NC 28504
March 29, 2019 (9am-4pm)	Olive Hill Resource Center (Burke Co. Public Schools) 509 W. Concord Street, Morganton, NC 28655
TOPICS: Inadequate Achievement and Insufficient Progress	
April 11, 2019 (9am-4pm)	Lenoir County Cooperative Extension 1791 NC-11 S, Kinston, NC 28504
May 13, 2019 (9am-4pm)	Olive Hill Resource Center (Burke Co. Public Schools) 509 W. Concord Street, Morganton, NC 28655
Registration Link: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bwwpGfx2Y7mVcAB	

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