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TO: Exceptional Children Program Directors/Coordinators

Public School Units

FROM: Sherry H. Thomas, Director OSIT

Exceptional Children Division

RE: Professional Learning Opportunity for Professionals Serving Students with

Neurological Visual Impairment including Deaf-blindness

The NC Department of Public Instruction Exceptional Children Division in collaboration with the NC Deaf-Blind Project (NCDBP) invites participants to attend a professional learning opportunity entitled, **Cerebral Visual Impairment: From Assessment to Intervention**. This one-day event will be held September 20, 2019, at ExtraOrdinary Ventures, 200 S. Elliott Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own. There is no registration fee but pre-registration is required as training is limited to 100 participants. Please use the following link to register by September 6, 2019, http://bit.ly/2JByJC8.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the brain's role in constructing visual experiences, and how assessment and intervention supports the unique needs of students with a neuorological visual impairment, including deaf-blindness. The presenter for this professional learning is Dr. Amanda Lueck, Professor Emerita at San Francisco State University. Dr. Lueck has been in the field of visual impairments for over 40 years providing direct service, training of educational professionals, and conducting research and development activities related to individuals with VI in the United States and abroad.

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