

General Information

September Regional Directors Meetings

Thanks for participating in last week's regional directors meetings. Your feedback is important to us! We will continue to monitor whether the topics continue to address the needs identified from the input collected from EC administrators in the Spring of 2023.

Qualtrics Survey Results (266 respondents)

Meeting Topic	Not at all Beneficial	Not Beneficial	Beneficial	Very Beneficial
Child Find (Indicators 11/12)	0	1	55	208
Dispute Resolution	0	1	68	196
Tracking PRC 29/118/119	1	7	103	154
Maintenance of Effort	2	10	88	165
TOTAL	3	19	314	723

REGISTRATION: Fall EC Conference and Institutes

Conference registration is closed. While we would love to honor your requests for late registration, the deadlines ensure that the remainder of internal planning to meet deadlines with our presenters, vendors, interpreters, and hotel can be accomplished successfully.

As a reminder, our OEC Professional Learning Calendar will have additional opportunities to support staff and local professional development plans.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Fall EC Conference

The Koury Convention Center still has rooms available at the conference rate until **Tuesday, October 3**. Please use the following link to make reservations.

Booking Website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50467552>

WRISTBANDS: Fall EC Conference

Wristbands for conference participants will be mailed beginning the first week of October. The wristbands will be mailed to the Exceptional Children contact listed in EDDIE. The package will include a list of all registered participants for the public school unit. We appreciate your help in getting these distributed to your local participants prior to the conference.

If the EC contact listed in EDDIE DOES NOT receive the wristbands by October 16th, please email Kelly Breest at Kelly.Breest@dpi.nc.gov.

Administrative/Supervisory

Learning Ally

The NC DPI Learning Ally Memo and Decision Sequence have been updated and can be found in the attached document. A reminder that NC DPI provides a limited number of memberships for qualified students with a print disability. **(ATTACHED)**

SLD Monitoring: Corrective Action

As a reminder, the required training for the SLD Eligibility worksheets must be completed by September 29, 2023. PSUs were asked to monitor completion of the NCEES course locally. OEC staff will review participation in the course electronically in NCEES - no additional evidence is required to be submitted to your program monitoring consultant.

If PSUs used the NCEES SLD Eligibility course to facilitate whole group professional learning, sign in information and training materials should be maintained locally for the 2023-2024 school year or until this statewide monitoring activity is officially closed by the OEC.

Instructional/Related Services/Disability Specific

Foundations of Communication

Foundations of Communication is a course developed in an inter-disciplinary approach between consultants at DPI in the areas of Speech and Language Pathology, Autism and Significant Cognitive Disabilities. This two-day course is an in-depth dive into language development and strategies for providers to encourage and teach communication to students who are learning to communicate. In addition, participants will become familiar

with augmentative and alternate communication teaching methodologies and explore the Extended Content Standards, which are aligned to the Standard Course of Study in North Carolina. It is preferred to have a team of an SLP and ECS teachers attend as a team.

NCDPI will be offering this 2-day course 3 times across the state:

November 8-9, 2023 in Shelby, NC

January 8-9, 2024 in Wilmington, NC

March 6-7, 2024 in Greensboro, NC

8:30am - 3:30pm

Please register at:

https://ncdpi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_37s2J0B78ObsJqS

Early Childhood (EC|EC)

Nothing new this week.



ECATS USER ADVISORY GROUP

The OEC plans to create an advisory group to collect input from the field regarding the user interface and user experience. While we have collected requests for enhancements and implemented as we were able, we believe it is now an appropriate time to organize our stakeholders a bit differently for further feedback. The group composition may be fluid based on the topics to be discussed. We anticipate having additional details regarding topics, format, and group composition communicated in advance of a potential November 2023 meeting. Details will be communicated through the Weekly Update.

Display IEP Errors - Clearing the Workspace - Create Final Document

To avoid clearing the workspace while resolving IEP errors prior to finalizing an IEP, please note the following:

Users should select the “Display IEP Errors” button first before finalizing an IEP. If an error message appears, users should correct the errors on the appropriate pages. Once completed, users can verify that all errors have been resolved by clicking the “Display IEP Errors” button again on the Create IEP page. If there are no more errors, the user can finalize the IEP.

The OEC and PCG are implementing a safeguard in the system to ensure that resolving IEP errors prior to finalizing an IEP, in any order, does not impact the workspace.

Remember: Selecting the meeting purpose of “annual review” triggers a clearing of the workspace.

Revisions to OEC Activities Guide

[OEC 2023-2024 Activities Guide](#)

Nothing new this week.

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Job Posting Announcement

The **Consultant for Autism** posting can be found at this link:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/northcarolina/jobs/4214168/consultant-for-autism>

This posting will close on October 4, 2023.

EC Office Hours: Admissions for Schools for Deaf and Blind

The second date for this session is Friday, September 29, 2023. The format will be identical to the session held on September 15th.

PSUs must register for this event using the following link. [Registration Link: 9/29/23](#)

Calendar Items/What's Due?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY

[OEC 2023-2024 Activities Guide](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

[NCDPI OEC Calendar of Events in List View](#)

[NCDPI Calendar of Events in Calendar View](#)

Please note: These calendars include OEC professional development opportunities through October 1, 2023. By October 1, 2023, the OEC anticipates that opportunities for the remainder of 2023-2024 will be posted.

Local exceptional children staff should check this calendar often as it is the authoritative source for technical assistance and professional development provided by the OEC. This information will not be duplicated in the Weekly Update beginning in October.