

# February 2021 Update: Special Education Support Center Highlight

The Special Education Support Center (SESC) is one of six Special Education State Needs Projects funded by OSPI in partnership with the Washington Education Association (WEA). Our purpose is to provide face-to-face training opportunities for all special education stakeholders including educators (both general and special education personnel), school administrators, paraprofessionals, ESA staff, parents, and community members. The Special Education Support Center has a cadre of 50 trainers throughout the state, including special education staff, general education staff, administrators, and parents. Our mission is for our state to receive high-quality trainings led by stakeholders that are leaders in the field. We provide trainings that empower, increase skills, support inclusive practices, and lead to better knowledge about serving our students with disabilities.

**Our current offerings include asynchronous courses via Canvas and synchronous courses via Zoom. You can find our current updated schedule of training on [our website](#) or in our [Google Drive folder](#).**

Washington Education Association's Center for Education Quality was awarded a grant from OSPI, as part of the *Inclusionary Practices Project*. Our purpose is to provide professional development for educators that supports an increase in inclusionary practices throughout the state. As part of our project, we have expanded our professional development opportunities, which are included in the links above.

We release training/courses schedules on a quarterly basis. Our April – June 2021 schedule will be released in mid-March. The schedules will be available at the links above.

**For additional information or to schedule a (virtual) training contact: [Annie Lamberto](#), Special Programs/Populations Coordinator, Washington Education Association.**

**For information about our STEM Integration courses, contact: [Scott Poirier](#), K-12 Education Coordinator, Washington Education Association.**

