

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Updates

UW Haring Center Demonstration Site Visits

The University of Washington Haring Center has two new early learning demonstration sites that are hosting visits this spring, Central Valley Early Learning Center and Evergreen Public Schools Early Learning. In addition, Kodiak Cubs in the Cascade School District—who are in their final year of the Inclusionary Practices project—is hosting a visit on May 28, 2025.

If you are interested in visiting any of these demonstration sites, please fill out this brief [visit request form](#).

International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute

May 13–15, 2025 | Chapel Hill, NC & Zoom

The International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute is one of the world's premier educational opportunities for anyone involved in the care and education of young children with disabilities (birth to age 8) in inclusive settings. The Institute has drawn people from across the nation and around the world to Chapel Hill to:

- strengthen current and develop new collaborative relationships and cross-agency systems that support early childhood inclusion of young children with disabilities;
- discover evidence-based practices, resources, and tools for promoting opportunities for including children with disabilities; and
- meet, learn from, and problem-solve with peers.

The institute welcomes early childhood and early childhood special education (EC/ECSE) professionals, families, individuals with disabilities, EC/ECSE higher education faculty, professional development and technical assistance providers, local, state, or national administrators and leaders, as well as EC and ECSE students. Whether you are a family of a child with disabilities, a newcomer in the field of early childhood/early childhood special education or a seasoned professional, you'll be able to find topics that matter the most to you in serving children with disabilities and families in inclusive environments from over 50 sessions. We hope that the Inclusion Institute will leave you feeling informed, energized, and supported.

There are two options for attending the conference: In-person in Chapel Hill, NC or on Zoom. To register, visit the International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute's [website](#).



Think Inclusive Podcast: Introducing ECTA - How to Make High-Quality Systems that Support Young Learners with Disabilities

Christina Kasprzak and Dr. Megan Vinh, Co-Directors of the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), discuss their role in shaping inclusive educational systems for early childhood. The episode begins with an exploration into the work ECTA does in supporting state administrators and educators.

Christina and Megan delve into the tools and resources provided by ECTA that support practitioners and families directly, such as the DEC recommended practices guides and family-friendly video materials. As they reveal challenges in creating inclusive systems, including the need for de-siloing state departments, they reaffirm the proven benefits of inclusion for children both with and without disabilities.

You can listen to the podcast on the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE) [website](#) or any platform where podcasts are available.