

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Updates

Welcome Back! A Note from Candis Coble, 619 Coordinator

As we begin a new school year, I want to thank you for the incredible work you do to support Washington's youngest learners. We are making some exciting changes that will bring stronger support for district staff and, most importantly, better outcomes for children and families. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year!

Pyramid Model Consortium Trainings

Washington-based ECSE staff can access *free* PIDS technical assistance and office hours to support data use and decision-making. Reach out to summer.edwards@pyramidmodel.org to join upcoming sessions or request targeted support.

Reliability Trainings (fee-based) — Open to early childhood providers across states:

- **TPOT (Preschool classroom observation) Reliability Training**
 - **Winter Event:** Dec 10–12, 2025 (7am–11am PT).
- **TPITOS (Infant/Toddler observation) Reliability Training**
 - **Fall Event:** Sept 16–18, 2025 (7am–11am PT). Registration closes on 8/25/25.
 - **Winter Event:** Dec 3–5, 2025 (7am–2pm PT).
- **Practice-Based Coaching Workshop** (2-day skill-building for coaches):
 - **Fall Dates:** Oct 20 and 27, 2025 (7am–2 pm PT).

Visit the [Pyramid Model Consortium](#) for more information.

Get Your Piece of the PIE!

The *Parent Institute for Engagement (PIE)* is a 12-month leadership and lifelong learning program for parents and caregivers whose children have received early intervention services through ESIT. Participants will build leadership, advocacy, and presentation skills while learning about racial equity, public speaking, and the early intervention system. Travel and child care costs are reimbursed for required meetings. Applications are open now — complete the [PIE Interest Survey](#) by Thursday, September 25, 2025.



National Training Opportunities

Below are national training opportunities focused on inclusion, transitions, and leadership:

Division for Early Childhood's 41st Annual International Conference on Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families

October 7–10, 2025 | Portland, OR

The Department for Early Childhood (DEC) will be holding the 41st DEC International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs & Families on October 7–10, 2025 in Portland, OR. Visit the [Division for Early Childhood](#) conference webpage to register.

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) also offers webinars, peer learning communities, and tailored TA to support implementation and inclusive systems in states.

NASDSE Annual Conference (National Association of State Directors of Special Education)

October 27–29, 2025 | San Diego, CA

The NASDSE Annual Conference (National Association of State Directors of Special Education) will be held on October 27–29, 2025 in San Diego, CA. Board Meetings (likely accessible virtually or for networking) will be available on the following days:

- September 8, 2025
- October 13, 2025

NASDSE continues to advocate for LRE, culturally-responsive inclusion, and robust funding frameworks. For more information, visit the [National Association of State Directors of Special Education](#).

New? Welcome, Here's What You Can Do:

- **Coaches and Specialists:** Register now for TPOT, TPITOS, or Practice-Based Coaching trainings—these enhance observation fidelity and coaching impact.
- **All ECSE Staff:** Plan ahead for DEC's conference (Portland) or NASDSE Annual Conference (San Diego)—great for learning and networking.
- **Administrators & Coordinators:** Share OSPI's ECSE resources and the Activity Map with teams to support equity, data-informed inclusion, and planning.
- **Contact Info:** For PIDS support and office hours, email summer.edwards@pyramidmodel.org. For state-level guidance, reach out to your OSPI Regional ECSE staff.