Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Updates

Early Childhood Special Education Office Hours

Join us for Early Childhood Special Education Office Hours as we kick off the new school year! Participants are encouraged to bring questions, discuss challenges, exchange ideas, and explore available resources in a collaborative learning environment.

- Ask questions and receive clarification on ECSE topics.
- Discuss topics such as Part C to Part B transition, Child Find, data, and inclusionary practices.
- Stay informed about important updates, events, and resources.

ECSE Office Hours Schedule

Date	Time
November 20, 2026	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
December 18, 2026	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
January 15, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
February 19, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
March 19, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
April 16, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
May 21, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)
June 16, 2027	11:00 AM-11:30 AM (PST)

Join us: Microsoft Teams Meeting Link

Resource Spotlight

We are pleased to highlight the update: Early Childhood Inclusion: A Joint Position Statement. The statement affirms that inclusion means the rightful presence and active participation of every young child with a disability and their family in all early childhood education settings. Grounded in the belief that every child belongs, it emphasizes the right of children with disabilities to learn, grow, and thrive alongside their peers in welcoming environments where their strengths are recognized, their individual needs are supported, and their families are valued as essential members of the community. This document is available in multiple languages at the Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) Division for Early Childhood page.

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) released a new Reflective Action Planning Tool to support Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) professionals. The tool helps educators reflect on their strengths, identify areas for growth, and set goals to improve their practices. It focuses on child development, family partnerships, teamwork, teaching, and professional growth.

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) Center

The ECTA Center has new interactive modules offering guidance on using and implementing the Indicators of High Quality Inclusion for Early Childhood programs.

- Using and Implementing the Indicators: the Inclusion Indicator Decision Tree is a practical resource designed to help cross-sector teams apply the Indicators of High-Quality Inclusion at every level of an early childhood system. The tool guides teams in identifying strengths, addressing barriers, and accessing resources that support the successful implementation of inclusive practices.