

# Special Education Update

East Central Indiana Special Services.....January 21, 2021

## Reminders.....

- Please make sure to email OT/PT/DHH/BLV/Speech **at least two weeks in advance** of a case conference so that they have time to update present levels and goals in the IEP.
- If you would like any of these service providers to attend a case conference, please contact them **before** scheduling the meeting to know their availability.

## US Department of Education Investigating Indiana's Special Education Services During COVID

Within the past week, three districts in our area of the state have had formal complaints or due process hearing requests made to the DOE related to special education service delivery during COVID closure last spring. It is expected that more complaints and due process hearing requests will be received in response to the article that came out earlier this week.

If you haven't seen this article, please take a moment to read:

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2021/01/13/us-department-of-education-investigating-indiana-special-education-services-during-covid-19/4152012001/>

Please make sure to keep your documentation from last spring's COVID related school closures until at least May 2022. There is a two year statute of limitations on due process hearings, so this timeline will ensure that we have this information available in case it is needed.

## FREE FOCUS ON INCLUSION CONFERENCE - SIGN UP NOW!

Focus on Inclusion is going virtual! Administrators and educators have been working endlessly to provide the best for students. To show our appreciation the Indiana IEP Resource Center is providing a week of professional learning for FREE to Indiana Educators and is now inviting out of state attendees at a reasonable cost.

Feel free to join us for all or select the topics and times that work best within your busy schedule. If you are unable to view the live sessions, the recordings will be available to registrants up to two weeks following the event.

All Indiana Educators: [download the Indiana educator flyer here.](#)

Go to this link to register: <https://www.indianaieprc.org/index.php/focus-on-inclusion-2021>

## Do You Know About MTSS?

Check out this quick read to learn about MTSS:

<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/mtss-what-you-need-to-know>

## Do You Know About Intervention Central?

This site provides you with free research-based academic and behavioral interventions, progress monitoring tools, and more. Take a look!

<https://www.interventioncentral.org/home>

## Do You DIBEL?

DIBELS is a free progress monitoring tool for reading for elementary - aged students. If you don't use it already, maybe you should! Take a look:

<https://dibels.uoregon.edu/>

## Assistive Technology Overview

Assistive Technology Exploratorium - Access to Education 2020



## **“You Can’t Make Me: Proactive Strategies for Positive Behavioral Change”**

This presentation will discuss the 7 evidence-based strategies described in the book, *Early Intervention: Real Life Questions; Real Life Answers*, authored by the presenter, that have been proven the most effective in teaching students and adults with an autism spectrum disorder and global behavioral issues. It will focus on teaching of specific skills, reducing challenging behaviors, and building an effective program as outlined in the book, “You Can’t Make Me: Proactive Strategies for Positive Behavioral Change.” It will guide the participant, step by step, through the process of implementing these 7 evidence-based strategies in a school based or adult services program. Real life examples will be used. Modifications will be explored that allow this particular program to be effective with students with significant behavioral challenges. A question and answer period will be provided. For more info and to register, go to:

<https://www.iidc.indiana.edu/irca/news-and-events/you-cant-make-me-workshop.html>