# Special Education Update

East Central Indiana Special Services.....September 24, 2020

#### Happy Fall!

We can successfully check off another week of teaching and learning! In a presentation last week, Dr. McCormick said several times...'This is a stressful time. Take care of yourselves. ' Please make sure you do!

Liza, Mort, and Lisa

#### Reminders

Preschool Staff -

• You should have received details regarding the ISPROUT training from Mort. Please view the modules by Oct 1st and send her your certificate as documentation that you have completed this training. Thanks!

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- Don't forget to update the dates in the IEP revisions that you are completing!
- Please make sure to make copies of newly finalized IEPs and IEP revisions and distribute them to parent, school file, etc. Also, make sure to send a copy to East Central. Please route your East Central mail to your school corporation's central office for pick up.
- Don't forget that we have lots of procedures checklists that you can use. Here is one that you can use that will you help you complete and/or check over your IEP draft before submitting it for review...



IEP Checklist 2020.pdf Use this tool when checking over your IEPs! Download 47.6 KB

## **Relaxation Strategies to Teach your Students or Use Yourself**

This free video series is designed to model relaxation strategies while inviting the viewer to participate in the activity as it is demonstrated. By the end of the video series, participants will have practiced eight breathing techniques, four physical relaxation exercises, and five mindfulness exercises. Participants will also be challenged to reflect on how a given word – called the Word of the Week– can improve their lives for seven days.

Each Weekly Experience will be emailed on Wednesdays via the IEP Insider and posted to our social media pages the remainder of the school year. For additional information follow this link: <u>The Weekly Experience!</u>

## Social-Emotional Support for Students with Special Needs

Many students, with or without an IEP, need emotional support and resources to consistently meet their daily social and emotional health needs. Dr. Lori Desautels collaboratively created these <u>documents</u> "Comparison of Traditional Accommodations and Accommodations Using the Lens of Adverse Childhood Experiences" (ACEs), and "Adverse Community Environments" to support all students attending school with significant ACEs. Check them out!

#### Secondary Transition Training - September 29 & 30

For those that registered for one of the sessions with the Indiana Secondary Transition Center staff:

Dates/times of the sessions. Session 1: Sept 29, 8-11 AM Session 2: Sept 29, 12-3 PM Session 3: Sept 30, 8-11 AM Session 4: Sept 30, 12-3 PM

Join the training from computer or mobile: <u>https://iu.zoom.us/j/2478812289?pwd=TWRFN01IRWg1eVptSEJkZ3Zqby9rZz09</u> Meeting ID: 247 881 2289 Password: INSTRC2020

#### Free Paraprofessional Webinar Series

Project SUCCESS presents a webinar series designed especially for paraprofessionals. This series of recorded webinars will help paraprofessionals in their role of supporting teachers and students in the classroom. <u>Register here</u> to take advantage of virtual learning on these topics:

- Understanding Culture & Bias
- Effective Paraprofessional-Teacher Communication & Collaboration
- High Expectations
- Formative Assessment & Instruction
- Classroom Management

## 2020-2021 Accommodations Updates Webinar

Due to popular demand, IDOE scheduled a third webinar for 2020-2021 Accommodations Updates on September 28 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. ET. This webinar includes information regarding new legislation related to text-to-speech and calculators, IIEP accommodation updates, and how these changes impact students taking Indiana standardized assessments. Please register for this webinar <u>here</u>. The presentation slides are available <u>here</u> if you are unable to attend one of these sessions.

## Writing Quality Preschool IEPs

For those that provide services to our preschool age students, here is a video from the DOE with information about how to write quality IEPs for this age group: <u>https://youtu.be/IIE-I5GBy7U</u>

# Virtual LAMP Training October 5 & 6 - Only 3 Seats Left!

If you work with students who have no mode of communication or who have limited communication, you want to attend this training! We only have 4 seats left, so please contact Liza to sign up ASAP.



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