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About the Collaborative Special Education Support Email List

We welcome any person who teaches or supports students with IEPs with a focus on those that mentor, coach, and provide professional learning to educators at a school, district, CESA, institution of higher education, family support, or affiliated organization.

Refer others by sending them to the [DPI email list web page](#), scroll down to Special Education, and click on "collabsupportlist" to subscribe.

New Email List Feature: Monthly Poll. This month: Tell us a success story!

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Each month we will have a brief survey poll to this email list. The results from the poll will be summarized and linked in the following month. This month we want to hear a success story. What is something your student or child did this year that you are proud of?

One way to stay energized and avoid compassion fatigue is to celebrate what is working and your successes with students and families. Click on the link to share us a short success story. All information will be kept confidential (no names in our summary next month). [Click here to take survey.](#)

Learn about Wisconsin's New State Superintendent of Public Instruction News Article

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Want to know more about our new State Superintendent of Public Instruction? Check out this article from the [Wisconsin State Journal](#).

Summer Camps, Orientations, and Pre-college Programs for Students with Disabilities

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There are several opportunities for students with disabilities to attend 2 and 4-year public, private, and technical colleges across Wisconsin. Many of these programs offer summer camps or orientations that provide information on what types of supports may be available to a wide variety of students with disabilities, including programs for students with intellectual disabilities. Below are links to some of the programs that are available this summer. In addition, all colleges have a disability or accessibility service center where students, families, counselors, and educators can find out about additional opportunities for students with disabilities and potential orientation programs at a college near you.

[Cutting Edge: Pre-College Summer "Camp" for students with intellectual disabilities](#)
[Blackhawk Technical College](#) summer programs for transitioning students with disabilities

[Madison College](#) summer programs for transitioning students with disabilities

[UW Whitewater Opening Horizons Conference](#) for transitioning students with disabilities

To learn about college program opportunities specifically for students with intellectual disabilities, view programs in Wisconsin on the [Think College website](#).

If you know of additional summer camps and pre-college programs for students with disabilities, feel free to reply to this email list and we will update in our next monthly email.

New Program to Assist Para-educators with Special Education online Degree

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UW-Whitewater is offering a new online special education degree program (SPECED4U) designed especially for para-educators, instructional assistants, and persons with extensive work or volunteering experience in schools.

We are now accepting applications for the fall 2019 semester.

Please contact Sharon Kolb at kolbs@uww.edu or (262) 472-4831, with any questions or inquiries about this program.

A flyer is included in the [professional learning google folder](#). Please feel free to share with your colleagues. You can also check out their [website](#) for more information.

Presentations, Videos, and Handouts from February 27 Community of Practice on Autism Meeting Now Available

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Greetings Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Developmental Disabilities:

Thank you again to our awesome site coordinators, speakers and participants who made the CoP ASD/DD on February 27 a truly historic event. You joined together at 36 sites. Over 400 people connected at those sites or over a personal computer. We have some fantastic feedback we can share with partners to keep moving forward. We have a cohort that wants to continue the discussion around Mental Health and ASD/DD by forming an Ad Hoc Practice Group. You are a part of an amazing group of dedicated people!

Presentations and handouts and links to the videos are on the [WI CoP ASD/DD website](#).

The videos from 2/27 have been posted at the [WI CoP ASD/DD YouTube Channel](#).

PLUS: in the [google professional learning folder](#) is a Save the Date for the next CoP ASD/DD to be held May 10th in Green Bay! Registration will open in April.

Call for Presenters for Children Come First Conference is Open!

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Call for presenters for the 30th Children Come First Conference is open until May 19! The Children Come First Conference draws around 750 attendees including parents, educators, social workers and other child and adolescent serving professionals.

Complete the [Call for Presenters form](#) or visit the conference web site: <https://www.ccfconference.org/>.

Creating Safe & Supportive School Communities Social & Emotional Learning Symposium

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Registration for the Social and Emotional Learning Symposium June 19-20, 2019 is now open! We invite you to join us for 3 days of engaging learning and planning about student mental health and social and emotional wellness. Information about this conference as well as registration for the two days can be found on the [conference webpage](#).

June 19 includes keynotes and breakout sessions, June 20 includes full or half day post-conference sessions (you choose 1 post-conference session).

You will need to register for each day separately. The cost is \$60 for June 19 and \$40 for June 20. You can attend one or both!

Lodging: Guests can book their reservations directly online, 24 hours a day, by visiting [SEL Summer Institute 2019](#). To make reservations over the phone, please call 715-344-0000 and press #3. When making reservations, reference the group name "SEL Summer Institute 2019" or the Group Block Code "SEL".

Circles of Life Conference

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May 2nd and 3rd at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point

Join over 400 parents, families, educators and other providers for the 35th annual Circles of Life Conference! Presenters include Wisconsin families who have "been there," nationally known advocates, Department of Health Services staff, experts on Medicaid, the IEP process, caregiver stress, mindfulness, and so much more!!

Circles of Life is Wisconsin's annual conference for families who have children with disabilities. This event brings together families and the providers who support them to learn, connect, and become more knowledgeable about programs and services for their children.

Registration and hotel information are available in the [Conference Brochure](#) or go directly to the [online registration](#). Sign up by March 29 and get a discounted rate! To learn more about the conference go to [CirclesofLifeConference.com](#).

Every Teacher a Leader Application

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The application for this year's Every Teacher a Leader event is live!

Mission & Vision of Teacher Voice & Leadership in Wisconsin:

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA), Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA), Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC), and other partners are dedicated to elevating teachers as experts and leaders in and beyond their classrooms, schools, and profession to achieve equity and excellence for all students.

What is Every Teacher a Leader?

Every Teacher a Leader is a place to bring your teacher leadership idea, develop that idea into an actionable plan with a team, and meet others who can help along the way. As a [Powered by Teach to Lead](#) event, participants have access to national and state supports. The 2019 Every Teacher a Leader will be held as a pre-conference event of the Leading for Learning Summit.

We believe every Wisconsin teacher is a leader. Teacher leadership is not defined by role or title - teachers lead at the classroom, school, district, and state level. See the [Every Teacher a Leader website](#) for more information or see the form in the [professional learning folder](#).

Questions about Transportation? Check out our Special Education Informational Bulletin Regarding Transportation

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The Special Education Team has recently developed an updated bulletin, 18.01, regarding transportation services for students with disabilities, which can be viewed [here](#). The updated bulletin addresses questions regarding transportation as a related service, route considerations and other transportation logistics, behavior and discipline as it relates to transportation, and considerations when a student is placed in foster care, is homeless, or participating in programs such as open enrollment or the special needs scholarship program. This new bulletin replaces bulletin 03.06. If you have any questions please contact us at dpisped@dpi.wi.gov.

New Interactive Safety Resource!

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The Wisconsin Department of Justice's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Department of Public Instruction is teaming up to keep families safe [online](#). The departments have launched a program called "Interact!" that will give parents resources to have conversations with their children about internet safety. [Interact](#) is an online, interactive e-course created for parents and guardians to complete with their children with the goal of sparking basic online safety discussions in the home. This 30-minute module provides parents with the opportunity to review their own tech use to set a good example; interactive activities to complete alongside their children, and follow-up resources and activities to keep the discussions going.

This e-course gives parents the opportunity to set themselves up as the trusted adult in their child's life. If the child sees something online they don't understand or that makes them uncomfortable, they know they have someone to reach out to. The e-course even provides some ideas on how to start and continue these discussions, along with some bonus tips to help break the ice on awkward topics! Be your child's trusted adult. [Interact](#), and stay safe!

Judge Rules Against Education Department on Delay of Special Education Rule

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Recently, the U.S. Department of Education "significant disproportionality" delay was overturned in the Courts. Last week, U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan [ruled](#) that the U.S. Department of Education violated law when it delayed the implementation of "significant disproportionality" under IDEA. The ruling in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia means the 2016 regulations immediately go into effect.

Wisconsin will continue to move forward with using revised criteria for "significant disproportionality" (developed from stakeholder input over the last year); in most categories, the revised criteria will identify districts when students within a racial/ethnic category are "twice as likely" as their peers to be identified, disciplined, or placed in a particular education environment. We believe that our revised criteria is connected to continuous improvement work in closing race-based achievement gaps and makes identifications more meaningful and manageable for stakeholders.

Postsecondary Transition Plan (PTP) Reminder

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The Postsecondary Transition Plan (PTP) application was designed to assist individualized education program (IEP) teams in meeting the postsecondary transition planning requirements specified in 34 CFR 300.320(b) of the IDEA Regulations and section 115.787(2)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The PTP is a required component of any student's IEP in effect when the student is 14 and must be updated at least annually thereafter. As a legally mandated component of a student's IEP, the PTP is to be developed, reviewed, and revised as appropriate, as part of the regular IEP team meeting process. A copy of the PTP must be provided to the parent along with all other required IEP documents.

Questions about the legal requirements related to PTPs may be directed to Paul Sherman at 608-267-9157 or paul.sherman@dpi.wi.gov.

Upcoming Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Events

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Outreach Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing within Department of Public Instruction is hosting a variety of upcoming events that might be happening in your area. All details can be found on our [calendar of events](#) online!

- 4/18/19 - Allies in Deafhood- Delavan - Public presentation 6-9pm
- 4/20/19 - Allies in Deafhood- Fond du Lac - Public presentation 9:30-12:30pm
- 4/27/19 WDBTAP Family Day 9am-5pm - Lake Geneva
- 4/30/19 PST online meeting - Professionals working with D/HH Students
- 5/3-5/19 - Quest/Prom - WESP-DHH Campus - Delavan: STATEWIDE PROM for all Wisconsin students!
- 5/17/19 Partners in Listening Workshop!- Carol Flexer - CESA 10 - Chippewa Falls
- 6/13/19 Bookworm Gardens - Grow Your Reader Family Engagement Event - Sheboygan

Call for Proposals for Wisconsin Statewide School-Based OT/PT Conference

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This year's Statewide School-Based OT/PT Conference is looking for dynamic presenters and invites you to submit a proposal to present a breakout session! The conference is taking place November 7 & 8, 2019, at the Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

[Start a proposal here](#) or feel free to share this link with your professional network. Submissions are due **April 15, 2019**.

If you have any presenters or exhibitors you would like to see at this year's conference, please email the name and contact information to Jeanne Rhodes at jrhodes@cesa1.k12.wi.us.

Unified Sports Opportunities that Bring Together Students with Different Abilities

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Obtain more information by emailing unifiedschools@specialolympicswisconsin.org.

Young Athletes Presentation at UW Whitewater Early Childhood Conference Saturday, April 13th YA session from 2:15pm -3:15pm

Young Athletes is a sport and play program from children ages 2 – 10 with and without intellectual disabilities. This fun and inclusive program offers families, teachers, caregivers, and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with all children and abilities.

Young Athletes is designed for private and public preschools and elementary schools, HeadStart programs, homeschool, or community-based programs.

Learn more at the UWW Early Childhood Conference on April 12. [Register now!](#)

UW Whitewater Player Development Football Camp Friday, April 26 3:30 – 5 PM
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater Perkins Stadium (910 W. Schwager Drive,
Whitewater, WI 53190)

The UWW Football team will be setting up various drill stations for the Special Olympics athletes to go through and will also be able to show off their skills at the end. We will be providing food and drinks for the athletes and also t-shirts I will need to know the t-shirt sizes of the athletes participating. Parents and other supporters are more than welcome to come and support the athletes. [Register here.](#)

CONTACT: Ashley Premetz UWW Special Olympics College President
premetzam11@uww.edu.

3rd Annual Big Blue Unified Swim Relay Sunday April 28th in Oshkosh

Schools who are interested in participating in the [Big Blue Unified Swim Relay](#) should create unified relay teams consisting of individuals with (athletes) and Without disabilities (unified partners). If you cannot find unified partners who are interested in participating but have athletes who want to swim, contact Debbie Hoff bluwnab@hotmail.com. The event kicks off with a coaches Meeting: 8:30 AM.

Tailgate and Baseball Game with UW Milwaukee Athletics at Miller Park May 11th in Milwaukee 1:30 – 3:00 Games with Panthers 3:00 – 5:00 UWM Baseball Game

50 UWM Student-Athletes will be paired with 50 Special Olympians teaming together to participate in different activities, such as: bag toss, spike ball, washer toss, can jam, ring toss, skee ball, soccer shootout, ladder golf. Water and snacks provided, can buy food at the concession stand during the game. The event will take place outside the stadium, along the first base side of the stadium. In the event of bad weather, activities will take place inside the stadium, at the end of the first base line. Entrance is FREE for athletes, partners and families but [preregistration is requested](#).

State Unified Cross Country Meet at UW Parkside in Kenosha, July 27

The Kenosha Running Company is Partnering with SOWI to present the first ever State Cross Country Meet for all runners. All ages and abilities are welcome. [Get the details here.](#)