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Check-In With Dr. Marilyn Friend!



It's almost the end of the year – have you completed a co-teaching check-in? Now is your chance when you register for this [exclusive webinar!](#)

On **April 22**, join Dr. Marilyn Friend as she covers the strategies you need to set co-teachers up for success.

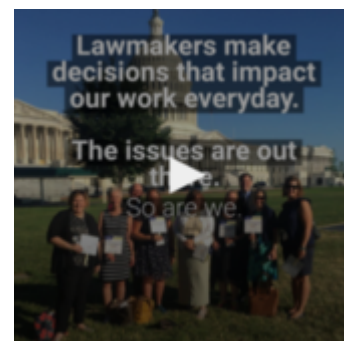
Whether you're a teacher looking at your classroom practice, a principal or administrator anticipating co-teaching needs for 2019-2020, or a district leader building effectiveness and sustainability, you'll discover what you need to put a "bow" on your co-teaching and give yourself the gift of a well-earned summer break.

[Register now!](#)

Will You Be Joining Us on Capitol Hill?

At the annual [Special Education Legislative Summit \(SELS\)](#), advocates from across the country come together to ensure that our nation's policymakers know what our community needs – and no one understands the needs of children and youth with exceptionalities better than you.

Join us on July 7-10 in Arlington, Va., and Washington, D.C., where you'll meet with senators and representatives, educate Congress, and give a voice to the millions of children and youth with exceptionalities you work with each day.



But, you'll need to register early – watch the [video](#) to see why.

Early bird registration ends on May 15 and hotel reservations close June 13, so make sure you [learn more and register today!](#)

Download CEC's Latest Collection of Culturally Responsive Practices



What is culturally responsive practice for special education teachers? How can teachers and schools support culturally and linguistically diverse students?

Find out through a new collection compiled by CEC's Diversity Committee, which highlights work presented at the 2018 annual convention related to culturally and linguistically diverse students with exceptionalities.

[Download your copy in the CECCommunity all-member forum.](#)

NEEDED: Committee Members Like You!

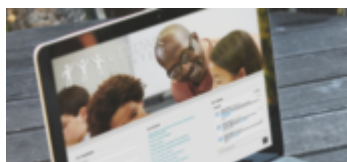
Being part of a [CEC committee](#) is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and develop your skills – and we need members like you to fill vacancies on the Student and Early Career Committee and [Representative Assembly Committee!](#)



Your background, professional interests, and volunteer leadership roles may make you a perfect fit. The deadline for all materials is **April 24** at 5:00 pm EDT.

[Learn more and apply today.](#)

Interested in Data on Special Education Teacher Shortage?



On April 23, The Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform (CEEDAR) Center – who partnered with us to develop the [High Leverage Practices \(HLPs\)](#) – will be hosting a webinar with Drs. Sindelar and Bianco to share data on special education teacher shortage. [Check it out!](#)

Speaking of the HLPs...Check Out the FREE Professional Development Guide

for School Leaders

"High-Leverage Practices in Special Education: A Professional Development Guide for School Leaders" is a downloadable guide that provides school leaders, special education administrators, principals, mentors, and coaches with practical tools for engaging their staff in high-leverage practices to enhance student learning in the school and district.



[Learn more about high-leverage practices in special education and download your FREE GUIDE today.](#)

Policy Highlights

OSEP 2019 Symposia Series – Strategies to Attract, Prepare, and Retain Effective Personnel



The 2019 Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Symposia Series will focus on strategies to attract, prepare, and retain effective personnel who serve children with disabilities. Jennifer Bullock, the Director of Education Professional Standards and Practices for the Council for Exceptional Children, [presented at the opening symposia on April 8](#), where she highlighted how associations can bring the right people, expertise, and partnerships together to affect change. [Read more.](#)

Early Screening and Intervention for Autism

In recognition of World Autism Month, Autism Speaks and Sesame Street's character "Julia" launched a new public awareness campaign to highlight the importance of early screening to identify children with autism. [Read more.](#)



SEL System of Supports - Empathy

Use the SEL competency of empathy to help you help your students develop positive interpersonal



relationships and improve student behaviors and outcomes. [Access a free SEL trial here.](#)

Upcoming Events

The End of the School Year Is Near: Have You Completed a Co-Teaching Check-Up?

CEC Webinar | April 22, 2019

CEC Standards: Training the Next Generation

CEC Webinar | May 29, 2019

Ohio CEC 2019 Annual Conference

Columbus, OH | June 3, 2019

2019 Leadership Institute

Arlington, VA | July 5-7, 2019

2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

What's Happening in Washington

CEC Webinar | July 17, 2019

Division for Early Childhood Annual International Conference

Dallas, TX | October 1-4, 2019

Division on Career Development and Transition International Conference 2019

Seattle, WA | October 23-25, 2019

News

4 Ways Schools Help or Hinder Gifted

Students: Four studies presented at the American Educational Research Association meeting show how gifted education programs can support academically advanced students or, in some cases, hold them back. [Read more.](#)

School resource officers need SEL training, experts say – but their preparation 'lacks consistency':

School resource officers (SROs) versed in social-emotional capacities are found to have a positive effect on schools. Now, more states want to require training. [Read more.](#)

CDC Finds More Preschoolers Have Autism:

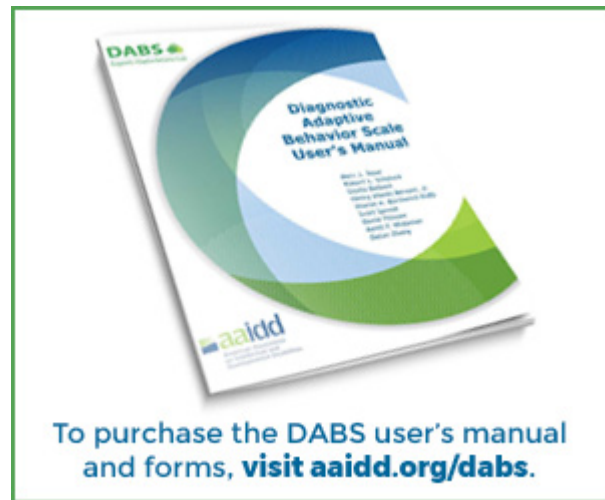
New federal figures indicate that autism prevalence among young children is on the rise. [Read more.](#)

In autism, depression takes on unusual forms:

A new study suggests that depression may show up as insomnia and restlessness in children with autism. [Read more.](#)

Investing in Principal Talent Pays Off in Higher Math and Reading Scores, Study Finds:

According to a new study of six school districts, principals who've had attention throughout their development as a school leader were linked to stronger reading and math achievement and longer tenures. [Read more.](#)



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