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CEC Leadership Development Committee sets ambitious goals for developing future leaders

In March 2018, the Board of Directors approved a motion to establish a Leadership Development Committee (LDC) to intentionally identify, cultivate, recruit and orient, competent and diverse volunteer leaders for board and committee positions that respond to CEC's current and future needs. The LDC's ultimate goal is to identify, nurture and develop leadership potential and skills in emerging leaders to serve in positions across the organization. The committee began its work in May 2018.



One way the LDC is accountable to the board is through measuring and annually reporting the results of efforts to engage members of diverse groups in leadership development and appointments to leadership positions. Read the report [here](#).

Policy Highlights

FAU College of Education and CEC Holds Student Advocacy Event



The Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Student Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) hosted a mini-conference, "Advocacy for Action to Support Education," held at the Boca Raton campus. The purpose of the event was to assist students in building their educational policy knowledge base and help develop their advocacy skills. [Read more](#).

New Congress in Session – Keep Advocating!



The 116th Congress was sworn in on January 3, 2019. One of the first orders of business was determining committee assignments.

If one of your members of Congress has a committee assignment in the [U.S. Senate](#) or [U.S. House Committee on Appropriations](#) or the [U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](#) or [U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor](#), it is particularly important to reach out to them, as these committees work most closely on issues facing children and youth with exceptionalities and the professionals who work on their behalf. [Read more.](#)

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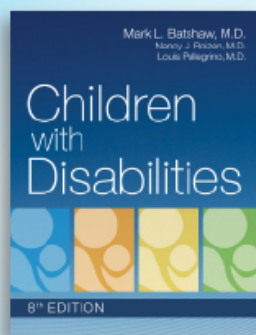
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79th Annual Michigan CEC Conference

Amway Grand Plaza | Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 6 - March 8, 2019

NJ CEC Spring 2019 Annual Conference

Mahwah, New Jersey | March 22, 2019

2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

News

[Six ways teachers can support their own well-being](#): Teachers should help themselves, so they are better equipped to support their students, asserts Naphtali Hoff, president of Impactful Coaching & Consulting. Hoff shares six ways teachers can stay healthy, energized and properly supported, including by disconnecting and developing a growth mindset. [Read more.](#)



[Bullying differs based on type of disability, study finds](#): New research suggests that incidents of bullying and other harassment targeting kids with disabilities vary depending on what sort of special needs a child has. [Read more.](#)

[Power of play: Peer power partnerships build friendships with classmates on ice](#): A Minnesota school district starts its peer-helpers program in middle school to assist students in general education and special education build relationships. Students in the Peer Power Partners program at the middle school recently spent a morning ice skating together. [Read more.](#)

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