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Special Education Today

News, resources, and tools for educators like you.

Welcome Dawn Roe, the New Editor of TEC!

Beginning in July 2019, CEC will be welcoming Dawn Rowe, Ph.D., as the new academic editor for its research-to-practice journal, *TEACHING Exceptional Children* (TEC).

In addition to transitioning to the role of associate professor for Clemmer College at East Tennessee State University in May, Dawn will be bringing a wealth of experience to CEC as a consulting editor for *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*, a member of the editorial board for *Intervention in School and Clinic* and the *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, and a guest reviewer for *School Psychology Quarterly*.



In the words of Dawn, "I am delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to the field of special education. I view TEC as an important tool to provide teachers of exceptional children with practical applications of evidence-based practices that can help them do their jobs better." [Learn more](#).

One Member's Tips for Surviving IEP Season



For special education teachers, spring often means one thing: IEPs. While this time can be stressful, CEC member Richard Williams shares how he stays organized during IEP season. [Read more](#).

Let us know your tips for managing your workload on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or the [CECommunity](#) member forum.

What's the State of Special Education?

As a special education professional, what do you think about the state of our field? Over 1,400 special education teachers shared their perspectives on their strengths and challenges in the recent CEC State of the Profession Survey. Join us on Wed., April 10, for our **FREE member webinar** on the survey results and their implications for our profession.



This webinar is FREE for CEC members!

[Register now!](#)

Submit a Proposal for CEC 2020

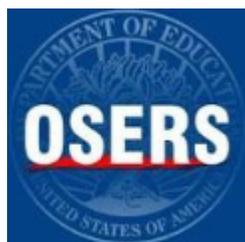


Present at the leading professional development event of the year: CEC's 2020 annual convention and expo in Portland, Oregon, on Feb. 5 – 8, 2020. There are only 11 days left to submit your ideas and proposals, so **time is running out!**

Learn more about the 2020 Call for Proposals and submission process at ceconvention.org.

Policy Highlights

New Guidance Letters from the U.S. Department of Education



On Jan. 29, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) at the U.S. Department of Education released four [letters](#) providing guidance around students with disabilities in correctional facilities, discipline procedures, children with disabilities placed in private schools by their parents, and response to intervention. [Read more.](#)

State of Babies Yearbook: 2019

The [State of Babies Yearbook: 2019](#) is a collaborative effort between ZERO TO THREE and Child Trends that compares national and state-by-state data on the well-being of infants and

toddlers based on decades of research demonstrating how crucial years 0-3 are for development. ZERO TO THREE's policy framework, grounded in the science of early childhood development, promotes supports for infants and toddlers' healthy development in three domains: Good Health, Strong Families, and Positive Early Learning Experiences. [Read more.](#)



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Upcoming Events

NJ CEC Spring 2019 Annual Conference

Mahwah, New Jersey | March 22, 2019

State of the Profession: Challenges and Triumphs of Special Education

CEC Webinar | April 10, 2019

Preparing for Next Year's Co-Teaching: How to Improve Student Outcomes and Arrange Critical Teacher Supports

CEC Webinar | April 22, 2019

Ohio CEC 2019 Annual Conference

Quest Conference Center | Columbus, Ohio
June 3, 2019

2019 Special Education Legislative Summit

Arlington, VA | July 7-10, 2019

News

Study: Reworked Autism Definition

Prompted Drop in Diagnoses: Five years after a sweeping overhaul of the diagnostic criteria for autism, research suggests that the changes have led fewer people to be identified with the developmental disorder. [Read more.](#)



Kids With Severe Autism Often Overlooked In Research: According to new study from Tufts University School of Medicine and Maine Behavioral Healthcare, children who are on the severe end of the autism spectrum are increasingly being left out of studies on treating the developmental disorder. [Read more.](#)

Catching Up on a Federal Rule Involving Bias in Special Education: Earlier this month, a federal district judge in Washington ruled that the U.S. Department of Education cannot delay implementation of a policy intended to draw closer attention to minority over-representation in special education under IDEA. Here's some background on the policies in play. [Read more.](#)

With \$29 Million In Backing, MIT Launches Down Syndrome Center: This week, MIT announce a multi-million gift to establish a major new Down syndrome research center that is said to be one of the largest ever focused on increasing knowledge of the chromosomal disorder. [Read more.](#)

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