



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Notice of Rule Development

To view the draft and submit comments for the following rule, go to <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/>:

- Rule [6A-4.002](#), Florida Administrative Code, General Provisions

Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (PS/RtI) Project Webinar

The PS/RtI Project is pleased to announce the upcoming statewide webinar titled, "Supporting Teachers with MTSS." This webinar is scheduled for **March 11, 2021**, at 1:00 p.m. EST, and will be facilitated via Adobe Connect and a conference line. To connect to the webinar via Adobe Connect, go to <http://tlc-flmtss.adobeconnect.com/auditorium>. To connect through the conference line, call toll free at 800-309-2350, and use participant code 3886395#. For more information, contact Judi Hyde at judihyde@usf.edu.

Transition to the Child Outcome Summary (COS)

Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS), the Bureau of Exceptional Student Education's (BESE's) prekindergarten discretionary project, will be supporting districts with the required transition to the COS by offering cooperative calls to support the transition, which will begin **July 1, 2021**. This will affect all districts in need of support with Preschool Child Outcomes - Federal Part B Indicator 7. The first meeting, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on **March 31, 2021**, will cover COS informational tools for entry and exit. Additional meetings will occur on the last Wednesday of each month. Invites have gone out to districts, who may choose to invite others in the district that may benefit from participating.

Annual Certification and Documentation Regarding Instructional Materials

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding instructional materials. The 2021 Certification of Alignment and Adoption of Instructional Materials must be submitted by **April 1, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9090/dps-2021-27.pdf> (Memo) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9091/dps-2021-27a.pdf> (Attachment A).

Spring 2021 Joint Meeting for District Coordinators of Programs for Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) or Visually Impaired (VI)

On **April 28, 2021**, the Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired and the Institute for Small and Rural Districts will host a special opportunity with Julie Weatherly, Esq., as she answers your

questions specific to serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing or visually impaired, or a combination. The targeted audience for this meeting is ESE directors and district contacts for DHH and VI. This invitation can be extended to additional stakeholders in your district at your discretion. Recommended attendees include teachers of students who are DHH, teachers of students who have visual impairments, orientation and mobility specialists, staffing specialists, and ESE coordinators. The registration deadline is **April 16, 2021**. For more information and to register, see the attached document or go to https://fsdbk12.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SQVfeMg8SGWi7g4tZAHRrQ. For questions, contact Jennifer Coburn at Jennifer.Coburn@fldoe.org, Carmelina Hollingsworth at c.hollingsworth@rmtcdhh.org or Kay Ratzlaff at kratzlaff@fimcvi.org.

- Filename: 2021 Joint Contacts Meeting for DHH and VI

The 23rd Annual Family Café

The 23rd Annual Family Café will be in Orlando on **June 11-13, 2021**. The Annual Family Café brings together thousands of people with disabilities and their family members for three days of education, training and networking each year. With a great range of individual breakout sessions, a packed exhibit hall with dozens of vendors, and a series of special events including keynote speakers and The Governors' Summit on Disabilities, the Annual Family Café offers attendees exposure to resources on a grand scale, unprecedented access to policy-making officials, and a chance to network with other individuals with disabilities and their families. There is no registration fee for individuals with disabilities and their family members. To register, go to https://familycafe.net/register_for_event_form/. For more information, go to <https://familycafe.net/>.

Informational Items

School Health Monthly Newsletter

The School Health Monthly Newsletter, The Pulse, from the Student Support Services Project, provides opportunities for school health staff members to share knowledge, educational opportunities, upcoming events and updates. Teresa Masterson, school nursing consultant, will be hosting monthly Zoom meetings, called "Connections," with district school health staff. The announcement of these Zoom meetings will be in this newsletter. To view the current issue, go to https://sss.usf.edu/resources/newsletters/2021/school_health/Pulse%20Issue%205.pdf. To view archived issues, go to <https://sss.usf.edu/resources/newsletters/index.html>. To view the Student Support Services Project website, go to <https://sss.usf.edu/>. For more information, contact Teresa Masterson at Teresa.Masterson@fldoe.org or 850-245-7841.

Mental Health Bulletin

The Mental Health Bulletin, from the Student Support Services Project, provides opportunities for school health staff members to share knowledge, educational opportunities, upcoming events and updates. To view the current issue, go to https://sss.usf.edu/resources/newsletters/2021/mental_health/Mental%20Health%20Issue%203.pdf. To view archived issues, go to <https://sss.usf.edu/resources/newsletters/index.html>. To view the Student Support Services Project website, go to <https://sss.usf.edu/>. For more information, contact Martha Rodriguez at Martha.Rodriguez@fldoe.org or 850-245-0063.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Endorsement Tuition Support Program

The ESE Endorsement Tuition Support Program provides financial assistance to ESE teachers who are teaching students identified as having autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or prekindergarten (PreK)/ESE in Florida public schools. This tuition support is being advertised by BESE to assist teachers seeking an endorsement in ASD and PreK/ESE. Please include the announcement of the ESE Endorsements Tuition Support Programs in regional notices, listservs and newsletters for teachers. For more information and to download the application, go to <https://florida-ese.org/tuition-support>. For questions, contact Melanie Morales at ESESupport@fiu.edu.

Celebrating Month of the Military Child

April is Month of the Military Child. This special recognition was established by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in 1986 to honor the important role children play in contributing to the strength of military families. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is encouraging everyone to "Purple Up!" and wear purple on April 21, 2021, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifice. The color purple was chosen because it symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine Corps red and Navy blue. For additional resources and information, go to the MIC3 website at <https://mic3.net/motmc/> or contact Felicia Trumpler at Felicia.Trumpler@fldoe.org.

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District D/HH and VI Joint Contacts Virtual Meeting

April 28, 2021
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST



Agenda

The Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (RMTCD/HH), the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI) and the Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD) invite you to join us for an hour with Julie Weatherly, Esq. as she answers your questions specific to serving students who are deaf/hard of hearing and/or visually impaired.

Intended Audience: ESE Directors, District Contacts for D/HH and VI.

This invitation may be extended to additional stakeholders in your district at your discretion. Recommended attendees may include teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing, teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility specialists, staffing specialists, and ESE coordinators.

[Registration](#) is required.

10:30 am	Welcome!
11:00 am	Julie Weatherly
12:00 pm	Wrap Up
12:30 pm	Adjourn

Still have questions or want to chat?

- Join RMTCD/HH, FIMC-VI, and BESE for an optional office hour.
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Chat with the projects and liaison
- **Optional Office Hours:** [Zoom Link](#)



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