



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) Virtual Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) Interactive Learning Series

The FSDB is excited to continue the Virtual ECC Interactive Learning Series for children ages 6-13 who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) or blind or visually impaired (B/VI). Students who have an active individual educational plan with D/HH or B/VI as their primary exceptionality are eligible to register for these exciting weekend sessions. (Note that this learning series is not currently offered to FSDB students.) The virtual ECC sessions are available at no cost and all registered children will receive materials delivered to their homes for participation via live conferencing and engaging online classroom activities. Each lesson is themed differently and led by certified teachers with experience working with students who are D/HH or B/VI. The session for children ages 6-9 is on **October 9-10, 2020**, and the session for children ages 10-13 is on **November 6-7, 2020**. Space is limited and registration is required. The registration deadline is **October 1, 2020**. For more information and to register, go to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eha1e6vdd0d0716c&llr=qd87qgabb>.

Technology and Learning Connection's Learning Opportunities

The Technology and Learning Connection has two upcoming one-hour learning opportunities. The first opportunity, "Virtual Learning and You! Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)," is for speech-language pathologists, assistive technology specialist, local assistive technology specialists (LATS), regional LATS, district staff and administrators and will be on **October 13, 2020**. The second opportunity, "Office 365 Microsoft Accessibility Tools," is for Florida educators, school district personnel, and school service providers and will be on **October 28, 2020**. For more information, including times and presenters, and to register, see the attached documents.

- Filename: Virtual Learning and You! AAC
- Filename: Office 365 Microsoft Accessibility Tools

Informational Items

Collaborating with Families of Students with Disabilities

Family engagement is a best practice in which families and school personnel collaborate to support and improve the learning and development of children. Simply put, when families and

schools work together to help students with disabilities grow socially and academically, they are more likely to be successful. The IRIS Center has updated and expanded the module, Family Engagement: Collaborating with Families of Students with Disabilities. This module includes overviews of the following topics:

- Many of the challenges faced by these families, including emotional responses to disability and the stressors of daily living;
- Practical strategies and tips that educators can use to cultivate and maintain positive, meaningful relationships with families to better support the learning and behavior outcomes of their students;
- Actions that educators can take to engage families; and
- Ways to involve families during distance learning.

To view this no-cost learning resource, go to <https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/fam/#content>.

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Virtual Learning and You!

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)

October 13th, 2020

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST

SLPs, AT Specialist, LATS/RLATS, District Staff and Administrators, join **Susan McCloskey** (CCC-SLP) and **Dr. Carole Zangari** (Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow) in this open sharing format for conversation on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). Discussion will focus on sharing how you are providing services, finding solutions and disseminating resources.

Register Below!

<https://bit.ly/2FiKZHV>

Please forward to any teacher/therapist that supports students with disabilities in the use of AAC.

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Office 365 Microsoft Accessibility Tools

October 28th, 2020

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Florida educators, school district personnel, and school service providers, please join Dr. Tony Dutra as he presents to you an online webinar about tips and tricks about the new Office 365 Microsoft Accessibility tools. Participants will learn ways to identify and use Microsoft Accessibility tools, identify how the use of Office 365 applies to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), as well as, explore the four categories affiliated with Assistive Technology (AT) and how are AT and Office 365 accessibility tools related.

Register Below!

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Please forward to any teacher that supports students with disabilities in the use of assistive technology.

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