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Minnesota Division of Early Childhood

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President's message

Andrea Robbins, MNDEC President, Waseca Public Schools



Greetings to all!

I hope this finds you all in good physical and mental health. What a crazy time we are experiencing! Like me, I imagine that many of you have had enough. I've had enough of: working through e-mail and text messages, listening to news reports and CDC updates, using any and all forms of virtual "meetings" we could ever fathom (Zoom, Google Meet, something Teams....), not seeing our kiddos and families face to face, having all of our own children at home 24/7 Monday through Sunday (seriously, I don't think I realized how much they actually were gone!), sharing the internet with four other people in my house, internet speeds that can't keep up...I could keep listing and I'm sure you could as well. Yet, all things considered, we keep going. We keep doing. We make it positive and we continue to make it about the children and families that we serve. We keep learning new ways to teach, new ways to interact, and new things about ourselves. I just want to take a moment to be your cheerleader. NICE WORK! You are doing great things! You are noticed! Each of you are SO appreciated! I appreciate all of you out there who are brave enough to share new ways and new ideas.

During this time, I am extremely thankful for my connection with DEC. I've known about the DEC website for years, but I can honestly say that I have used the resources on that site more in the last two months than I have in the years before combined. If you have not done so yet, check out the distance learning resources on the site and the available Learning Decks/Webinars (they are really cheap right now!). Encourage others to check out the DEC site as well, and to become DEC members! The connections and the resources are invaluable.

We are very fortunate in Minnesota. We have a very strong and active state chapter of DEC. This is, in part, due to the connection and support we receive from our Minnesota Department of Education. In our Early Childhood world, we work closely with the MDE ECSE team. I am beyond grateful for the amazing things everyone there has done to help us all navigate this chaos. The ECSE team is incredible. As most of you know, the fearless leader of that team will be retiring in July. Lisa Backer, this is our collective MN DEC shout-out to you and the amazing things that you have done for all of us and for our state over the years. THANK YOU for your leadership and your support of the MN DEC. You are appreciated beyond words and you will be missed!

Andrea

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P.S.

Be sure to check out our [Job Postings webpage](#)

To have a Job posted on our website- please complete the linked document- <http://goo.gl/4ioFOy>

NOTE- after completing the form, you must email "info@mndec.org" with the subject line, "job posting" and state you have submitted a job.

One of the jobs listed on our website is also located on <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/> :

[Early Childhood Special Education Team Supervisor - Education Supervisor](#)

Please look for DEC elections later this spring. MN DEC is always looking for current or new members to join our board. Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year and you are able to attend virtually. We encourage wide representation from across the state and a wide variety of disciplines encouraged. Elections this year will include Vice President and Members at Large. If you are interested and would like to be on the ballot for Vice President or if you have any questions regarding the position(s), please send an email to: info@mndec.org

MN DEC is exploring holding a forum in lieu of our annual spring practitioner conference- more information and details to come.

Andrea

State Updates

Carol Maliszewski, ECSE Specialist/MCCC/Workforce

Check out these helpful resources:

[Special Education COVID-19](#)

[MN COE Distance Learning website](#)

Carol

Higher Education

Aaron Deris, MN DEC secretary, Minnesota State University, Mankato

The June 2020 Summer Institute at St. John's University in St. Joseph, Minnesota **has been cancelled.**

Aaron



National DEC

National DEC Conference will be in Minneapolis Minnesota Oct. 20-23, 2020. Register early for the biggest savings! Early Bird registration for DEC members is specially the best bargain: three days of training at less than \$135 a day! Or gather a group and save together. All information is available on www.deconference.org



News, Events and Announcements

Emilie Levinson, St. Paul Public Schools, MN DEC Board Member at Large

Mini grants are an excellent way for practitioners to receive additional funds to address an area of student need identified by classroom/student data. Thanks to all the team who have submitted applications and congratulation to the teams awarded grants.

<http://www.mndec.org/grants.html>

Kudos to 2020 Award Recipients!



Professional of the Year Megan McQueen Stewart



Leadership Linda Rymanowski



Lifetime Excellence in Leadership Louise Rath



Technology

Judy Swett, Early Childhood Coordinator PACER Center

The staff of the PACER Simon Technology Center may be working remotely, but they are still here to help! Pacer can provide personalized support for families, educators, and individuals of all ages through virtual assistive technology consultations. For more information on submitting an application for a consultation go to: <https://www.pacer.org/stc/consultations/> or forward and share with parents and professionals who are interested in assistive technology support. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pacer by email at stc@pacer.org or by phone at 952-838-9000.

Judy

Article Summary

Liz Barnett, MA, CCC-SLP, MN DEC newsletter editor, website manager

Members of DEC receive the **Journal of Early Intervention** and the magazine **Young Exceptional Children** and have access to professional development opportunities in webinars, conferences, and learning decks, as well as timely recommendations to articles and resources specifically relevant to young children and their families.

“Getting Ready Strategies for Promoting Parent-Professional Relationships and Parent-Child Interactions” (**Young Exceptional Children Journal**, Volume 23 Number 1, March 2020, page 36)
Christine A. Marvin, PhD, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Amanda L. Moen, PhD, Kennedy Krieger Institute Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Lisa L. Knoche PhD University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Susan M. Sheridan, PHD University of Nebraska Lincoln .

This article provides a review of the strategies from the *Getting Ready* model. Most helpful, are the specific examples of how to incorporate the strategies when consulting to benefit young children who are at risk of developmental delays and/or disabilities. Page 52 in this same journal, “From Article to Action: Strategies for Promoting Parent-Professional Relationships and Parent-Child Interactions” (Chelsea L. Waters, MA, University of Kansas and Camille Catlett, MA, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) further advises.

My thoughts are with you as you go through this challenging journey of serving families with young children in this difficult time. Please know your efforts and work are valued.

Liz

Do you have an ECSE question?

The Minnesota Department of Education Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) leadership team has a general mail address that can be used to submit any ECSE question, birth to five. The emails will be answered in a timely manner by members of this team. Email questions to: mde.ecse@state.mn.us

About the MN DEC

The Minnesota Division for Early Childhood (MN DEC) is a statewide membership organization for those who work with or on behalf of young children with disabilities and other special needs.

Become a DEC member

To become a member of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) you first need to become a member of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and choose DEC as one of CEC's Special Interest Divisions. Application link: <http://www.cec.sped.org/Membership/Membership-Applications>

Professional Organizations

The Division for Early Childhood (DEC) <http://www.dec-sped.org>

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) <http://www.cec.sped.org>

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) <http://www.naeyc.org>

Resources

***New Covid-19 related:**

***Resources to Support Early Intervention & Early Childhood Special Education during COVID-19**

<https://www.dec-sped.org/covid-19>

***ECTA Center Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)** <https://ectacenter.org/topics/disaster/coronavirus.asp>

***Covid-19 : Remote Service Delivery and Distance Learning** <https://ectacenter.org/topics/disaster/tele-intervention.asp>

***The Early Childhood Personnel Center Covid-19 resources** for Part C, preschool, IHE Faculty and families.

https://ecpcta.org/covid-19-resources/?mc_cid=8ed289f195&mc_eid=9733c11e80

Looking for a job in ECSE? <http://www.mndec.org/jobs.html>

Prospective Employer? Complete the document to post on MN DEC's website:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XPHA15yLJWaLeTMKe5TZmLkgerQFLTr1Asx-s3wSipM/viewform>

Center on Developing Child: <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/contact/>

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>

Division for Early Childhood Recommended Practices: <https://www.dec-sped.org/dec-recommended-practices>

Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Products to support the use of the DEC Recommended Practices

<http://ectacenter.org/decrp/>

Early Childhood Technical Assistance (ECTA) Resources to support the Inclusion of Young Children with Disabilities

<http://ectacenter.org/topics/inclusion/default.asp>

Faculty Finds: <http://eepurl.com/ggHi3j>

Head Start Center for Inclusion <http://depts.washington.edu/hscenter/>

Help Me Grow <http://www.helpmegrowmn.org/> An interagency initiative of the State of Minnesota (Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Human Services) partnering with all local service agencies.

Minnesota Centers of Excellence The statewide professional development system for early childhood special education (ECSE). Professional Development Facilitators (PDF) in each of the state's eight economic development regions work to connect, support and empower local leaders to build capacity. Through these joint efforts, young children and their families are accessing and benefiting from high-quality programs and services throughout the state. <https://www.mncoe.org/>

Minnesota ECSE Licensure Programs <https://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/mn-ecse-programs/>

National Implementation Research Network (NIRN) <http://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/> Go to their website and you will find a resource titled [Implementation Drivers: Assessing Best Practices](#).

PACER's Early Childhood website <http://www.pacer.org/ec/>

Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children (TACSEI)

<http://www.challengingbehavior.org/>

Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Effective School-wide Interventions and Supports <http://www.pbis.org/>

ZERO TO THREE Journal Stay current on best practices and the latest knowledge about early childhood development and your work with children and families.. Practical advice and professional development tools. Print or digital versions. <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/zero-to-three-journal>

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