

Office of Federal Programs

The Georgia Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs provides technical assistance, program monitoring, and resources to local educational agencies (LEA) implementing federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grants and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grants. Additionally, this office provides the necessary infrastructure to support local school districts in their efforts to provide special education-related services for students with disabilities and services and supports for English learners.

Office of Federal Programs - Organizational Chart

Division of Federal ESSA Programs

Division of Special Education Services and Supports



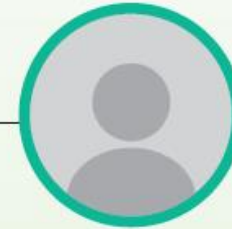
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School-Based Speech-Language Pathology Symposium

- Offered virtually on October 17th and 18th
- Sponsored by the State Education Agency Communication Disability Council (SEACDC)
- Registration is free at <https://seacdc.org/index.html>
- Purpose is to share current evidence-based practices in the field of Speech Pathology with school-school based SLPs and those who support them
- Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be available

Conference Outline

Thursday, October 17, 2024

(1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Session 1 – Inclusive Preschool Services and the SLP

Session 2 – Multilingual Learners and Suspicion of a Disability for SLPs

Session 3 – Speech Sound Production and Current Norms

Session 4 – IDEA and Eligibility for Speech-Language Impairment

Conference Outline

Friday, October 18, 2024

(1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Session 1 – Collaborative IEP Goal Writing

Session 2 – The Continuum of Services and Least Restrictive Environments for SLPs

Session 3 – Feeding and Swallowing in Schools

Session 4 – Current Terminology alert: Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) vs. Language Impairment

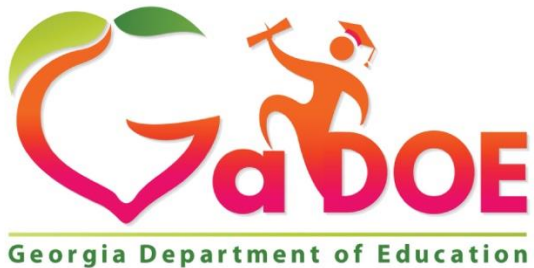
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