



Office of Special Education and Related Services

Summer 2021 Professional Development Opportunities

Beginning June 1, 2021, use this link to register for all sessions
<https://forms.gle/wNFJDUQquQHGWtBe6>

The Office of Special Education and Related Services is committed to providing ongoing professional development opportunities for educators. As a department, our goal is to ensure teachers and staff are well equipped with the necessary interventions, tools, and support to help every child succeed.



Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Aligning Test Results, Learning Objectives & Instructional Strategies

Lead Facilitator: Diana Rexach, PhD, ABSNP, School Psychologist

Co-facilitator: Tom Byrnes, School Psychologist

Audience: Teachers and administrators who write instructional goals based on psychological test results.

Description: Diana Rexach, PhD, ABSNP will be conducting this informative presentation of translating psychological test results into strategies for Specially Designed Instruction.

Zoom Link: <https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/89409347675?pwd=MnlYK1h2ZER0Y2toYU1QdUk1Z2EzUT09>

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021 & Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Book Study: I Wish My Teacher Knew: How One Question Can Change Everything for Our Kids
by Kyle Schwartz

Lead Facilitator: Dr. Melissa Gilliam, Program Specialist

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: Twenty participants will reflect upon individual world views and expand their cultural competence with engaging strategies to deepen interpersonal relationships with students of various backgrounds. Attendees will also explore nationwide systemic challenges like trauma, poverty, and mobility to develop meaningful classroom relationships. Attendees must attend both sessions.

Zoom Link:

<https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/86171822542?pwd=RDJqbG9kQ3JwQ1YvTjFrYjBiQXBHUT09>

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Evidenced Based Practices

Lead Facilitator: Tenisha Norvell, Special Education Supervisor

Audience: Teachers of students with autism

Description: This session will provide teachers with evidence-based practices that are practical for general education and self-contained settings. The goal of this session is to provide strategies to decrease non-desired behaviors in students with autism.

Zoom Link:

<https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/87424346258?pwd=MjV5cEJqaHdpOXNpQWpCOFgzNVJ0UT09>

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Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

A Path to Student Independence - Unique Learning System

Lead Facilitator: Terry Lyle, Program Specialist

Audience: Teachers supporting students with ID and AUT being served in a self-contained classroom.

Description: Meaningful access to the general education curriculum Unique Learning System empowers students with complex learning needs to reach their full potential in a learning environment customized just for them. With accessible, differentiated lessons and activities, the research-based content enables EVERY student to participate in daily, age-respectful, standards-based instruction.

Zoom Link:

<https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/87202676615?pwd=cGZ6RUxWT0ZYjQydU5GZG1BQk5pdz09>

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Monday, July 19th at 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Walk this Way as an LEA with SETs & Reevals

Lead Facilitator: Lisa Gehring, Program Specialist

Co-facilitator: Marcy Pronovost, Special Education Supervisor

Audience: School-Based Administrators/Local Education Agency

Description: This session will focus on the required steps of a Local Education Agency Representative(LEA) in completing the Review of Existing Data process to include Special Education Team Meetings (SETs) and Reevaluations.

Zoom Link:

[https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/3037993257?](https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/3037993257?pwd=NjRadUhvTE9QTXliTzhVejQzRU1RUT09)
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Password: 100384

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Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.- 3:00p.m.
Accommodations: Instructional & State Testing

Lead Facilitator: Tynikia Johnson, Program Specialist

Audience: Secondary Special Education Teachers/LEAs

Description: The purpose of this training session is to identify and discuss Instructional resources and testing accommodations for developing appropriate Individualized Education Programs

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94484026142?pwd=dDFxK2hoay9OUTM2QzdLQmtjL0NIUT09>

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Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Transition and the IEP: Connecting the Dots

Lead Facilitator: Tomara Carmon-Rogers, Special Education Supervisor

Co-facilitator: Tynikia Johnson, Program Specialist

Audience: Middle/High School Special Education Teachers

Description: This session is intended to discuss transitional services and how it connects to other components of the IEP.

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96741431187?pwd=M045RjBzWlZ0QWhreEVuSW1WcGxwZz09>

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Thursday, July 29, at 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

LEAs, Can You Rock it Like This at Eligibility?

Lead Facilitator: Lisa Gehring, Program Specialist

Co-facilitator: Marcy Pronovost, Special Education Supervisor

Audience: School-Based Administrators/LEAs

Description: LEAs will learn the Review of Existing Data process to include SETs and Reevaluations.

Zoom Link:

[https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/3037993257?
pwd=NjRadUhvTE9QTXliTzhVejQzRU1RUT09](https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/3037993257?pwd=NjRadUhvTE9QTXliTzhVejQzRU1RUT09)

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Monday, August 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.-3:30p.m.

“The Individualized Education Program (IEP) is the cornerstone of special education.”

Lead Facilitator: Dr. Jackie Tate, Special Education Supervisor

Co-facilitator: Tynikia Johnson, Program Specialist

Audience: Special Education Teachers

Description: IEP development that includes standards based and specially designed instructional practices with resources and emphasis on tips to maintain compliance.

Zoom link:

<https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/84485856892?pwd=VjJoZ0RyWnpuZEpPM205Q2hGcGFLZz09>

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Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.

Resilience Roundtable

Lead Facilitator: Vanginette Benton, Special Education Supervisor

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: Participants will discuss the impact of Covid-19 and its continuing effects on the school community.

Zoom Link:

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/86096119338?pwd%3DT0xHMm54dk1sSXduZ2tvVXJL25UZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1621782565722000&usg=AOvVaw2GNWyls5MylS_GfAyzilTt

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**Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m.
Resilience Roundtable - (Repeat Session)**

Lead Facilitator: Vanginette Benton, Special Education Supervisor

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: Participants will discuss the impact of Covid-19 and its continuing effects on the school community.

Zoom Link:

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/86096119338?pwd%3DT0xHMm54dk1sSXduZ2tvVXJjL25UZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1621782565722000&usg=AOvVaw2GNWyls5MyIS_GfAyzilTt

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**Monday, August 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
LEA's, It's Tricky! Learn to Rock a SPED Transfer**

Lead Facilitator: Lisa Gehring

Co-facilitator: Marcy Pronovost

Audience: School-based SPED Administrators/LEAs

Description: LEAs will review and identify eligibility guidelines for a successful eligibility meeting.

Zoom Link:

<https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/3037993257?pwd=NjRadUhvTE9QTXliTzhVejQzRU1RUT09>

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Monday, August 9, 2021, at 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m.
Realigning a Balance Between Work and Life

Lead Facilitator: School Social Work Department

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: The purpose of this training is to provide information on developing a healthy balance between work and life.

Zoom Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641377091?
pwd=MldRUkFZNjIwSy92T1VYSm9kYlZ5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89641377091?pwd=MldRUkFZNjIwSy92T1VYSm9kYlZ5dz09)

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Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 2:00p.m.-3:30p.m.
This Is How We Do It!

Lead Facilitator: Teresa Howington-Vaughan, Special Education
Supervisor

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: The intent of this session is to allow community liaisons to share highlights of their resources that are available to PPS and the community.

Zoom Link:

[https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/85259951305?
pwd=YWgxQ1pBMlZoQ0ptSnhuYWFFVnN6UT09](https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/85259951305?pwd=YWgxQ1pBMlZoQ0ptSnhuYWFFVnN6UT09)

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Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Specially Designed Instruction

Lead Facilitator: Felicia Shepard, Program Specialist

Audience: Teachers and Related Personnel

Description: The intent of this session is to provide school-based interventions and strategies to increase student achievement.

Zoom Link:

[https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/89896123963?
pwd=cXBZRk55OEJ0Rmg0d3djdXV0L01tdz09](https://portsk12.zoom.us/j/89896123963?pwd=cXBZRk55OEJ0Rmg0d3djdXV0L01tdz09)

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