



Friday News Blast



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Alternate Assessment 1% goal

We continue to see districts giving alternate assessments to students that are identified as SLD, SLI, OHI, etc. If you have students taking the alternate assessment that do not meet the definition as a student with the 'Most Significant Cognitive Disability' provided in the guidelines, then please revisit those IEPs and make necessary changes as soon as possible.

We are proud to say that we are getting close to the Federal required 1% of student population taking the alternate assessments. As you make the necessary changes for those students not meeting the definition, we should be able to meet the 1% requirement. If you have any questions, please let us know at any time.

DHHS Reminder to Medicaid Providers

See attached provider bulletin on billing for Speech Therapy services.

Early Childhood Education Competitive Grant Available for New and Expansion Programs

Applications are due by 5:00 CST Monday, February 3, 2020. Eligible applicants are public school districts, individually or in cooperation with other school districts and educational service units. Districts interested in this funding opportunity are required to work cooperatively with programs that exist within the community, including Head Start and private child care and preschool programs. The grant program may expand, but must not supplant, programs and services within the community or service area that are currently provided using state or federal funds.

Guidelines for writing applications, application forms, budget forms, and additional resource information is available on the NDE Office of Early Childhood website <https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/birth-to-age-5-programs/>. All forms must be downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted via email.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Education Specialists at the NDE Office of Early Childhood:

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Nebraska School Mental Health Conference – Save the Date

You can access the flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/wzfc7zg>

IDEAs That Work

Here is the link to the OSEP website that I mentioned in the Directors Call -

<https://ccrs.osepideasthatwork.org/>

Hope you all are enjoying the holiday season. Thanks for your leadership and all you do.

Steve and Amy