



Friday News Blast



December 4, 2020

Please see our SPED website at www.education.ne.gov/sped as well for all the updated guidance and information related to special education and early intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continuously be updating our page with the most recent guidance and adding resources.

SPED Proportionate Share Worksheet for Non-Public Schools – 2021-2022 – Open November 2, 2020 - December 16, 2020

All school districts (including districts that do NOT have approved/accredited non-public schools or exempt home schools located within the district's jurisdiction) are required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to complete and submit the 2021-2022 IDEA Proportionate Share application. This collection is found under the "Data Collection" tab in the portal. This collection is based on the October 1, 2020 child count of eligible children with disabilities (ages 3-21) and determines the amount of IDEA funds that must be expended for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in an accredited/approved nonpublic school and/or an exempt home school within the school district boundaries. Contact: Greg Prochazka (402) 471-4314 or greg.prochazka@nebraska.gov

Mid-Plains Professional Upgrade Partnership – Interdisciplinary Preparation (MPUP-IP) in Deaf Education and Speech-Language Pathology – Summer 2021 application deadline is January 15, 2021

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is still actively recruiting prospective Deaf Education and Speech Language Pathology graduate students to be part of our second cohort of [MPUP-IP](#) scholars starting this Summer (2021), but time is running out! **The deadline to apply for the Summer 2021 MPUP-IP Cohort is January 15th 2021!**

MPUP-IP is a federally funded interdisciplinary training grant designed to address the critical shortage of highly qualified Teachers of the Deaf/Heard of Hearing (TODs) and Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) around the U.S. The grant covers **over 80% tuition**, travel expenses to and from Lincoln for the summer seminars, as well as some additional perks! **Prospective Deaf Education candidates must hold a current and valid teaching license.** (Students who already hold an endorsement in deaf education are not eligible to apply for MPUP-IP funding.) **Prospective SLP candidates must have an undergraduate degree in communication disorders or have completed prerequisite coursework.** Please see the attached flyer for additional information about the MPUP-IP project as well as a link to apply!

UNL is seeking some dedicated and motivated individuals to take part in this wonderful interdisciplinary training opportunity, and hope you will consider! For more information or questions please contact Anne Thomas at athomas16@unl.edu

2021 Summer Transition Programs- Proposal Deadline is 5 p.m. on January 15, 2021

Attached is the 2021 Summer Transition Program Request For Proposals.

Please review the RFP and share with your school, ESU & agency contacts as well as entities who have previously hosted or may be interested in hosting summer transition programs. I am hoping that the RFP is disseminated broadly to attract high quality programs from all across the state.

Here is the link to the live RFP page - <https://www.education.ne.gov/fpnotice/2021-nebraska-vr-rfp-for-transition-summer-programs/>

The RFP is also posted on the VR external website - <http://vr.nebraska.gov/index.html#rfp>

Nebraska Young Child Institute (NYCI) Bite-Sized Briefing: Families During the Holidays Edition

NYCI remains as dedicated as you to improving our youngest community members' well-being, especially during the pandemic. See below for this month's curated resources on tips, articles, and resources for families who are home over the holidays.



Mindfulness Practices for Families

When parents and children are feeling big emotions, it's good to find some calm. Simple mindfulness activities can help.

Mindfulness is noticing what's going on outside—and inside—of us with acceptance and kindness. As mindful parents, we can be curious and open to understanding what our children are feeling and experiencing. The mindfulness exercises here are designed to help both parent and child experience a sense of calm connection.

Resources from Zero to Three

[Read Resources for Mindfulness Practices for Families](#)

[Download a 5-Finger Breathing Activity](#)



Tips for Families during the Holidays

Here are some resources to offer tips for families navigating a possibly stressful season.

Highlighted articles:

- **Harvard Health Publishing article-** [*7 Ways to Prevent Holiday Stress — for your children*](#)
- **Zero to Three article-** [*Four Steps for Communicating Challenges With Your Coparent*](#)
- **Zero to Three article-** [*Our Favorite Books for Families Facing Tough Times*](#)
- **Zero to Three article-** [*At-Home Activity Guide: Play promotes healthy development, even when you're stuck at home*](#)

[Read Additional Resources for Families](#)



**Children need consistent, stable,
and nurturing caregivers.**

- Supporting Young Children During Change -



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Nebraska Young Child Institute
Younes Conference Center | Kearney, NE
June 28-29, 2022

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Free Assistive Technology Professional Development with CEUs!

The ATP Education Program has partnered with the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) to offer statewide access to the ATIA Learning Center. The ATIA Learning Center has over a hundred on-demand webinars and short courses that can be accessed by any Nebraskan educator, parent, or student at no cost. Many of the offerings can be used to obtain IACET or ASHA CEUs at no additional cost. To request access the ATIA Learning Center, please link to <https://atp.nebraska.gov/atia-learning-center-professional-development> and fill out the form. Requesters will receive an email shortly after with instruction on how to access the ATIA Learning Center.



Save the Date for:

Nebraska School Mental Health Conference

June 2-3, 2021

Tentatively at Embassy Suites La Vista Conference Center

12520 Westport Parkway

La Vista, Nebraska, 68128

More details coming soon!

To submit a presentation proposal click [here](#). The deadline is 5:00PM CST Friday, January 15th, 2021.

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