



Resource Spotlight

A resource brief to support virtual professional learning for division partner staff and families

Resources and Supports for Novice Special Educators

This Resource Spotlight features resources, virtual learning opportunities, and upcoming events to support novice special education teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators and families.

RESOURCES and VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

- ❖ [Special Education Resources for New Teachers](#)
Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) special education resources and e-learning modules for school personnel and families
- ❖ [High Leverage Practices \(HLPs\)](#)
(CEEDAR) and (CEC) information, resources, tools and videos supporting the 22 practices K-12 special education teachers should master and be able to demonstrate
- ❖ [HLP Tools and Resources](#)
George Mason University (GMU) TTAC compilation of HLP highlight tools, rubrics, checklists, alignment tools and other resources to support new teachers in effective use of HLPs
- ❖ [High Leverage Practices for Paraeducators](#)
CEEDAR and CEC online learning designed specifically for paraeducators to learn about HLPs
- ❖ [Real Co-Teachers of Virginia Discuss HLPs](#)
VDOE Excellence in Co-Teaching Initiative videos and resources created by elementary and secondary educators to demonstrate use of HLPs in their co-taught classrooms
- ❖ [Providing Comprehensive Training for New Special Educators](#)
IRIS Center module on the importance of administrative support for new special educators, along with a multitude of other special education modules listed in the [Iris Resource Locator](#)
- ❖ [Professional Development Courses for Special Education Teachers](#)
National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET) professional development courses on a wide variety of topics that offer certificates for courses completed
- ❖ [TIES Center](#)
University of Minnesota National Technical Assistance Center on inclusion resources, videos, tips, including the recently added "[Inclusive Big Ideas for Reading Instruction](#)"

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

- ❖ [Virtual Community of Practice \(CoP\) for Special Education Coaches and Mentors](#)
GMU TTAC CoP for school personnel mentoring novice special education teachers
- ❖ [Elevating Family Engagement Through Unity, Collaboration and Partnership](#)
VDOE and PEATC virtual family engagement conference to empower all stakeholders to develop school and family partnerships with a shared goal of improving student achievement

FAMILY SUPPORTS:

- ❖ [Student Profile](#)
Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) resource document families can use to introduce their child to new teachers, related services providers and other school personnel
- ❖ [What Does That Mean?](#)
PEATC Guide to special education and disability terms in Virginia

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