

Head Start Disabilities Services Newsletter: June

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New Resources

State Memorandum of Agreement Map Finder

http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Disabilities/Program%20Planning/Interagency%20Collaboration/state_MOA_map_finder.html

Head Start representatives at the regional and state levels collaborate with their state-level Part B and Part C IDEA agencies to develop statewide Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) or Memoranda of Understanding (MOU). This interactive map allows administrators, TA Providers, staff and parents to locate states that have developed these agreements which include guidelines and roles and responsibilities of the participating agencies and/or individuals.

Accommodating ALL Children in the Early Childhood Classroom

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Disabilities/Program%20Planning/AccommodatingALL.htm>

Accommodating a child with specific needs is a continual process that involves each child's collaborative team. Teaching staff can create an inclusive environment for children with special needs by implementing these adaptations.

Hot Topics

Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and Other Special Needs

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Disabilities/Related%20Health%20and%20Development%20Issues/Health%20and%20Safety/PreparingforDis.htm>

This information provides safety tips on how to ensure that emergencies and disaster plans include attention and support to children with disabilities. Teachers, parents, and administrators may use this information to plan for future emergencies and disasters involving children with disabilities.

Autism Research

www.cdc.gov/Features/AutismResearch/

Learn more about CDC's Study to Explore Early Development (also called SEED), the largest collaborative scientific study to date of the causes of autism.

Also, check out CDC's updated homepage for its [National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/index.html)

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