

### **BUREAU OF EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES**

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## **Weekly Memo**

#### **Action Items**

# Working with the Experts (WWE) for Occupational and Physical Therapists (OT/PT)—Coordinator Conversation

WWE announces an OT/PT Coordinator Conversation and registration is now open for the Colleague Consultancy session. This two-hour session will be on **January 21**, **2021**, at 10 a.m. EST, and will provide an opportunity to present a problem to your colleagues and follow the consultancy protocol with a group of colleagues to brainstorm and generate ideas for solutions. This session will be delivered through Zoom and registered participants will receive a confirmation with Zoom access information by **January 15**, **2021**. The registration deadline is **January 10**, **2021**. To register for the session, go to <a href="https://survey.fgcu.edu/Coordinator-Conversation.aspx">https://survey.fgcu.edu/Coordinator-Conversation.aspx</a>. For questions, contact Peg Sullivan at <a href="msulliva@fgcu.edu">msulliva@fgcu.edu</a> or 239 590-7748 or Mary Walsh at <a href="msulliva@fgcu.edu">Mary.Walsh@fldoe.org</a> or 850-245-0475.

# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan Proposed Changes—Opportunity for Comment through January 22, 2021

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding ESSA State Plan proposed changes—opportunity for comment through **January 22, 2021**. The memorandum may be viewed at <a href="https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9041/DPS-2021-02.pdf">https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9041/DPS-2021-02.pdf</a>.

### WWE for OT/PT—Ready Bodies, Learning Minds Virtual Course

WWE announces an OT/PT virtual course, Ready Bodies, Learning Minds. This 12-hour course will be offered on **February 25 and 26 and March 1 and 2, 2021**, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. EST. District coordinators should preregister therapists by **February 5, 2021**. The course will accommodate 150 participants and district limits are being imposed. The Zoom link will be sent directly to registered participants the week of the first session. For additional details and registration instructions, go to <a href="http://www.flwwe.net/">http://www.flwwe.net/</a>. For OT/PT coordinators who need assistance with registrations, contact Lynne Garcia at <a href="majarcia@fgcu.edu">lmgarcia@fgcu.edu</a>. For questions, contact Peg Sullivan at <a href="majarcia@fgcu.edu">msulliva@fgcu.edu</a> or 239 590-7748 or Mary Walsh at <a href="majarcia@fgcu.edu">Mary.Walsh@fldoe.org</a> or 850-245-0475.

#### Save the Date: Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference

The Prekindergarten Disabilities Contacts' Conference will be on **February 23-25, 2021**, via Zoom from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. daily. To register, go to <a href="https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_5yl3kzWTF">https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_5yl3kzWTF</a> MvWknP. If you need assistance in registering, contact Wanda Wint at 407-823-3058.

#### Informational Items

#### New Independent Study Course—Structured Literacy through a Multisensory Approach

The new independent study course, Structured Literacy through a Multi-Sensory Approach, is now available on the BEESS Portal. This course takes a deeper dive into structured literacy and multisensory approaches to instruction for all students and particularly for students with reading challenges. It is recommended that participants complete the Reading Disabilities, Difficulties and Dyslexia course before starting this one. Each of these courses have suggested inservice points of 20. To access both courses, go to <a href="https://fl-pda.org/">https://fl-pda.org/</a>.

#### Florida Digital Classrooms Update

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding Florida Digital Classrooms Update. The memorandum may be viewed at <a href="https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9034/">https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9034/</a> DPS-2020-149.pdf.

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