



Professional Development Opportunities Supporting Children with Disabilities: Virtual Conferences and Webinars

The COVID-19 Pandemic has given us all the opportunity to participate in virtual conferences that may not have been within our reach with the cost of travel. Find descriptions and links to upcoming virtual conferences supporting inclusion of young children with disabilities. Smaller bites of professional development are available with links to four different webinar providers with an array of options to expand your knowledge in educating all children.

California Conferences



2020 California Inclusion Collaborative Virtual Conference, Virtual, September 23 & 24, 2020

[\[http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/conference.aspx\]](http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/conference.aspx)

ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR: Two Insider Perspectives on Inclusive Education

Featured Keynote: Norman Kunc & Emma Van der Klift, *Broadreach Training & Resources: ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR: Two Insider Perspectives on Inclusive Education*

“In this provocative workshop, filled with humour and personal anecdotes Norman Kunc and Emma Van der Klift will draw on their experience as two adults with different disabilities who experienced the school system in different ways and with different degrees of success. They will argue that there is an ongoing confusion about the relationship between ability and opportunity that we must grapple with in order to ensure that inclusive education truly lives up to its promise.”

Beginning Together Inclusion Facilitators Institute, Virtual, Date to be determined. Join the MAP Mailing List for Information [\[https://cainclusion.org/camap/mailling-list/\]](https://cainclusion.org/camap/mailling-list/) Attendance at this institute is the first step in attaining the Beginning Together Inclusion Facilitator Certification. Local teams of early childhood educators and special education are encouraged to apply.

Head Start California 2020 Health Institute, September 14-16, 2020

[\[https://events.headstartca.org/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x3345abcd&varPage=home\]](https://events.headstartca.org/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x3345abcd&varPage=home)

Featured Keynotes by Bruce Perry, M.D, Ph.D. and Dan Siegel, M.D.

“We are excited to embrace the adventure and challenge of these changes (brought by the COVID-19 pandemic) by reimagining the Head Start California Health Institute in a virtual format that will be unlike any online conference you’ve attended before. The Virtual event will feature speakers with guidance, recommendations, and best practices on how Head Start Health Staff can continue adjusting and planning for the new normal we are all anticipating. The Virtual Health Institute will keep the high standards and unique elements you’ve come to expect during a Head Start California event in a virtual format.”



National Conferences



2020 Zero to Three Virtual Annual Conference, October 5-9, 2020

[<https://annualconference.zerotothree.org/>]

“**Be Immersed** in the latest research and education. **Be Inspired** and prepared to move your practice forward in our changing and challenging world. A lineup of outstanding speakers will take you to new depths on topics ranging from the latest

research on early life adversity to policy solutions for advancing equity in early childhood programs. This unique virtual learning experience gives you the added flexibility to **Be Connected** safely and on your own schedule. Join thousands of colleagues from around the globe.”

2020 Division of Early Childhood (DEC) Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Virtual, January 21 to 29, 2021

[<https://www.deconference.org/>]

Early childhood educators and special education teachers have the rare opportunity to learn about inclusive practices together in this virtual education conference without the probative cost of travel. You may want to take advantage of it this year!



Webinars

California Department of Education COVID-19 Webinars

[<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/covid19webinars.asp>]

Early Childhood Investigations [<https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/>] Free webinars, archived and upcoming, by trusted early childhood professionals



Sesame Street in Communities: Webinars

[<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/professional-development/webinars/>]

Certificates of completion available; webinars in both English and Spanish

Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC) Webinars:

Upcoming Events: [<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/upcoming-events>]