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MAP* to Inclusion & Belonging Newsletter

*Making Access Possible

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Upcoming Events!

Supported Life Conference & Inclusion Celebration

October 9-11, 2013
Sacramento, CA



Council on Exceptional Children's of Early Childhood Conference

October 16-18, 2013
Hilton San Francisco
Union Square
San Francisco, CA

Online Training on Inclusion

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Check out these self-paced CEU / state training credit-granting courses under the [Training and Technical Assistance area of MAP](#).



[California Early Intervention Technical Assistance Network CEITAN-California Early Start](#) has a new website. Check here under the [Training and Technical Assistance area of MAP](#) for online coursework supporting early intervention

MAP* to Inclusion and Belonging... *Making Access Possible Project provides information, resources, supports and training to help child care providers, educators, specialists and families include children and youth with disabilities and other special needs in child care, after school and community settings. MAP is dedicated to promoting resources and supports that enable all children to be fully participating and valued members of their communities. The MAP newsletter alerts you to newly identified resources and practices that support optimal development and well being in high quality environments where children with and without disabilities and special needs can thrive together.

This edition features multi-media resources including a kid's online radio station, new blogs and the introduction of [MAP's new Video Collection](#). You'll also find new [Training and Technical Assistance](#) web sites and opportunities and new materials from [CA CSEFEL](#) and the [Teaching Pyramid](#).

Video Collection

[MAP's new Video Collection](#) was created in response to the need for easy access to videos that promote inclusion and support the needs of children with disabilities and/or special needs and their families. Most of the videos were gathered from other areas of the MAP website, but several are unique to this page. Here is a sample of some new videos from a variety of topic areas.

[Bringing the signs of Early Autism into Focus Video Tutorial](#) (2013, runtime 9:03 minutes) The Kennedy Krieger Institute and Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) have published a free online video to improve the recognition of the early signs of autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) among pediatricians, parents and early intervention providers. The tutorial consists of six video clips that compare toddlers with no signs of ASD to toddlers with early signs of ASD and includes an explanation of how the specific behaviors exhibited by each child are



First 5 California has launched a **Kids Station** on the online music service "Pandora." This fun new - and free - station targets parents and features music to encourage learning and physical activity. Visit Pandora.com, set up an account and enter First 5 CA Kids Station to hear family friendly kids music. Also visit [First 5 California web site's "Activity Center."](#)

[NAEYC for Families](#) has new music for kids and families online every month.

either suggestive of ASD or typical child development.

[Building Inclusive Child Care \(BICC\) Universal Design for Learning Video](#)



Inclusive child care seeks the full integration of children with disabilities into the child care and pre-school setting. Accomplishing this goal requires the use of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles as well as working closely with families. The BICC Universal Design for Learning video and accompanying checklist (found under [Inclusive Practices](#) (link)) provide tools for programs to assess how well they are meeting principles of UDL.



[Kids in the House: The Ultimate Parenting Resource](#) offers over 8000 videos on a comprehensive range of topics for a variety of age ranges for every type of family. Well respected experts present positive, useful information in short videos. For example take a look at the videos from

Dr. Dan Siegel or explore the various topics under **Special Needs**.

[National Center for Learning Disabilities \(NCLD\) Videos](#) These videos provide an introduction to various topics related to learning disabilities and direct you to more in depth resources. Samples include:

- "I think my child has a learning disability. What should I do?"
- "What is an IEP?"
- "What is a 504 Plan?"
- "What is Response to Intervention?"

Blogs on MAP: Useful Information Framed in Real Life Narratives

[Friendship Circle](#) Friendship Circle of Michigan is a non-profit organization that provides programs and support to the families of individuals with special needs. The blog, one of the biggest special needs blogs in the world, has over 500 articles on special needs topics including: parenting, special education, products, therapy tips, videos, and more. One example is the article, *23 Ways to Communicate with a Nonverbal Child*. Find this blog under [Inclusive Practice](#) or [Organizations for Families](#).



[Early Intervention Strategies for Success](#) is a blog produced by the Virginia Early Intervention Professional Development Center. Tips and strategies useful when working with families of infants and toddlers with special needs within the context of their everyday routines are provided along with best practices, follow-up from professional development activities, and other topics relevant to early interventionists in Virginia.

The strategies are relevant to home visitors and early interventionists from any state.

Think Inclusive Blog and Videos: Video Playlist This blog is geared toward special education teachers. It includes a variety of videos that demonstrate elements of inclusion in the classroom and in the community. See the article, *Five Secrets to Being a Special Education Teacher and Still Love Your Job*.

Training and Technical Assistance

Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) is a new federal collaborative comprised of several recent OSEP-funded TA centers (NECTAC, CELL and TACSEI and ECO within the next two years). The purpose of ECTA is to improve state early intervention and early childhood special education service systems, increase the implementation of effective practices, and enhance the outcomes of these programs for young children and their families.

Office of Child Care Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) Through the Office of Child Care's Child Care Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) and federal leadership, the OCC provides training and technical assistance to help states, territories, tribes and local communities build integrated child care systems that enable parents to work and promote the health and development of children.

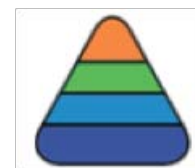
The California Collaborative for the Center for Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning CA CSEFEL



has adapted National CSEFEL training modules and materials to be in line with the Child Development Division of the California Department of Education's Early Learning

Foundations. The recently posted, **CA CSEFEL Enhancements**, describes some of the differences between National and CA CSEFEL. See also "*Moving from Praise to Acknowledgement and Tell Me What to Do Instead.*" under the heading Adapted Materials

You can find more of the materials used in implementation of the Teaching Pyramid framework at the **Teaching Pyramid**



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