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MAP* to Inclusion & Belonging News Brief

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DEC Conference in San Francisco, October 16-18, 2013



The **MAP to Inclusion and Belonging Project Team** is proud to support and promote the **Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children's 29th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families** in San Francisco, CA, October 16-18, 2013. This year's theme is *Bridging Research, Policy and Practice...Every Day, Every Chance, Every Child*. You will be inspired by top researchers, leading policymakers, practitioners and

families as they share evidence-based innovative approaches that demonstrate meaningful, effective and sustainable collaborations across research, policy and practice.

Who Should Attend?

Plan now to join child care providers, early interventionists, special educators, home visitors, training and technical assistance providers, college students and families to enjoy this high quality early education conference.

Topics To Be Presented Include:

- Cutting edge strategies and frameworks for inclusion for 0-3, 3-5 and 5-8 year olds;
- Tools and frameworks for supporting social and emotional development and preventing challenging behavior;
- New approaches for supporting English language learners;
- Supporting the parent/child relationship;
- Engaging children with autism;
- Addressing family needs;
- Coaching caregivers in providing early intervention;
- Using technology for learning with adults and children and

- Implementing evidence-based practices.

You Can Get Involved!

California only hosts the DEC conference once every 10 years. You have the opportunity to not only attend, but to get involved. You can be a sponsor, exhibitor, or share information about your agency at a resource table. Volunteers get 50% off registration. Visit the [California DEC website](#) for details or contact the local co-chairs Linda Brault or Craig Zercher at info@cal-dec.org. Visit the [DEC website](#) to see the program and for the latest registration and hotel information. Please forward this news brief on to your colleagues. Hope to see you at the conference!

Register now and save!
Early bird registration rates have been extended to July 19th.
Sign up to be a volunteer and get half off registration!

MAP* to Inclusion and Belonging.....*Making Access Possible Project, funded by the Child Development Division of the California Department of Education, 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 New Briefs alert you to newly identified resources, practices and educational opportunities that support optimal development and well being in high quality environments where children with and without disabilities and special needs can thrive together.

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