



SPOTLIGHT

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NEWS THIS MONTH

- Dec. 2, 2024: National Special Education Day
- Dec. 3, 2024: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Dec. 10, 2024: Human Rights Day

UPCOMING PD

- Dec. 4, 2024: The Inclusive IEP
Register here: [Link](#)
- Dec. 10, 2024: Supporting Early Childhood Students
Register here: [Link](#)
- Dec. 11, 2024: Coordinators' Collaborative
Register here: [Link](#)

Coalition 4 Access

The Coalition 4 Access (C4A) met on November 5, 2024 to continue the discussion on how to increase the inclusion and belonging for students in Los Angeles County. This multidisciplinary group explored what districts need to impact culture, technical support needed and resources required to implement. [\[Continued\]](#)

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY

December 2, 2024 is National Special Education Day. This memorable occasion marks the anniversary of the signing of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act into law.

To read more about it, click [here](#).

WORDS MATTER

The Stanford Disability Initiative Board has approved a starter language guide to be used to help us reflect on what words we use when describing individuals with disabilities. Social norms can change, and our language should change too.

For more information click [here](#).

ACCESSIBILITY PASSPORT

It is critical to make a classroom accessible for all students. In this booklet are tools, strategies, and tips to help adults support students, so they meaningfully take part in classroom activities.

For more information click [here](#).

WHAT IS BELONGING?

The [TIES Center](#) is dedicated to promoting inclusion for students with disabilities. Often, we think of inclusion as a student being present with their peers. However, we need to look deeper than that. True inclusion involves belonging, a much deeper connection! For more information on belonging, read this article by Carter and Biggs. [Link](#)



The High Quality IEPs Project is part of the Statewide System of Support. The project is led by East County and Santa Clara County SELPAs.

This project focuses on providing resources for families, students and educators to promote and support the creation of IEPs that meet the needs of our students. They are regularly adding additional resources.

Check them out! [Link](#)

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