

**NEWS THIS MONTH**

Mar. 1, 2025: International Wheelchair Day

Mar. 3, 2025: World Hearing Day

Mar. 18, 2025: Trisomy 18 Awareness Day

Mar. 21, 2025: World Down Syndrome Day

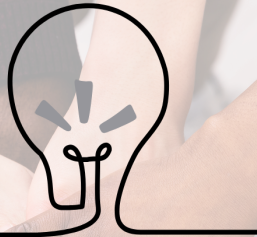
Mar. 25, 2025: Cerebral Palsy Awareness

Mar. 26, 2025: Purple Day for Epilepsy

UPCOMING PDMar. 4, 2025: Directors' Collaborative: [Link](#)Mar. 20, 2025: Rethinking Disability & Mathematics with Rachel Lambert (Free): [Link](#)June 30, 2025: 2025 Inclusion Conference (Free): [Link](#)**2025 INCLUSION CONFERENCE**

The Empowering K-12 Leaders to Support Every Student's Success Inclusion Conference will take place on Monday, June 30, 2025. Notable speakers including Kevin Schaefer, Dr. Wendy Murawski, Howard Fulfroost and Jennifer Hall Lee. Seats are limited at the California Endowment Center. Breakfast/Lunch is provided at this free conference. Register: [Link](#)

SPOTLIGHT

ON ACCESS**COALITION 4 ACCESS**

Los Angeles County needs to improve on increasing inclusion for students with disabilities. The Coalition 4 Access is now looking for districts and other educational partners to join in this work. For more information email jacobs_jovan@lacoedu.edu.

To sign up for the coalition, register here: [Link](#)

VERY SPECIAL ARTS

The Music Center's 46th Annual Very Special Arts Festival is just around the corner on May 2, 2025. This year's theme is "Arts and Science Unite!" Sign up and be part of the festivities for 2025!

Flyer: [Link](#)

Registration: [Link](#)

RISK OF READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENERS

California will now be requiring LEAs to use dyslexia screeners. Join us to get an overview of the legislation as well as screener options and a toolkit for making the decision of which one to select. Webinars are available on March 25th and April 4th.

To register: [Link](#)

CAPITOL CRAWL

March 12, 2025 marks the 35th anniversary of the "Capitol Crawl." In 1990, over 1,000 people marched from the White House to the U.S. Capitol to emphasize the need for access for persons with disabilities. Disability rights advocates crawled and dragged themselves up the steps of the Capitol Building to demonstrate the significant obstacles that non-accessible architecture presents. The "Capitol Crawl" helped generate support for the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Image: Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins (age 8), diagnosed with cerebral palsy, was the youngest protester to climb the capital steps.

**INCLUSION TOOLKIT**

LACOE's Resource Guide includes an evolving collection of materials to support building and expanding inclusive practices within districts and schools throughout the county.

The guide offers clear explanations of key topics, links to expert resources, downloadable materials, teacher tools, conversation starters, and much more to support educational teachers and leaders in fostering inclusive environments.

For access information: [Link](#)

Meetings about the Resource Guide: [Link](#)

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