

MCASE Region III Agenda

Participants:

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- Legislative Update- respond to request to write
 - HB 329- is at Governors's request a bill carried by Sue Vinton. Michelle will provide a link to this bill. Please continue to write and share your concerns to shut this bill down. Huge draw financial draw from public schools to private schools.
- Mental Health Awareness
- ESSER II Funds
- ESSER III Funds
- richards@mtempowermentcenter.org Rebecca Richards MT Empowerment Project grant opportunity driven by PTI grant (5-year grant)- shared who they have on staff. Most regions have a representative available. Wrote a grant to support training for parents in carrying over the learned skills in the home. OSEP just announced a new grant opportunity (haven't applied for it yet)-community-specific Eastern part of the state to help families understand the IEP process. Grants are region-specific-underserved areas. Partnering together with multiple stakeholders.
 - Teaching life skills or life skills programs
 - Working with all agencies to provide the best opportunity for students and families. Part C transitions, daycare agencies
 - Do work with indicators in schools
 - Mostly requests by parents
 - Covid impact with parents/sped needs
 - The volume of phone calls have decreased since PLUK dissolved
 - Actively using other modes of communication to get information to families
 - Created webinars for families regarding COVID
 - Families asking for support during IEP meetings
 - OSEP- serving on groups webinar for families training

SAVE THE DATE
April 15, 2021, MCASE, MCEC JOINT VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
EXTENSION OF KRISTEN SAUER APRIL 21-22 ONE HOUR

MCASE Awards

Deadline: March 15, 2021

- **MCASE Outstanding Administrator of Special Education Award**
- **MCASE Special Education Teacher Award**
- **MCASE General Education Teacher Award**
- **Lori Ruffier Legacy Award**
- **MCASE Nomination for CASE Awards**
 - Harrie M. Selznick CASE Distinguished Service
 - CASE Outstanding Administrator of Special Education
 - Outstanding Service to CASE