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The [Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative](#) is a network of special and general education leaders working together to improve outcomes for students with disabilities in the nation's urban schools.

FALL 2014 MEMBER MEETING - HOUSTON

Designing Learning Environments for All Students: Increasing Access through Technology November 5-8, 2014

As previously announced, our Fall 2014 Member Meeting will be held in Houston, Texas, at the Royal Sonesta Houston from November 5th-8th. The primary topical focus is "Designing Learning Environments for All Students: Increasing Access through Technology."

Registration for the meeting will open in mid-July, and we will send out an email to our Members and Associate members with registration information at that time.

Also, please be on the lookout for the Call for Presentations which will be sent out electronically and by mail as well. Please consider sharing the successful practices of your district with us at the meeting!



WEBINAR

Predictors of Postsecondary Success: Understanding the Value of Workforce Data

As part of a Webinar series building on the brief, [Predictors of Postsecondary Success](#), the [College & Career Readiness & Success Center](#) has scheduled a webinar for June 26 that will provide an overview of workforce data and its utility. Presenters will discuss the opportunities and trends related to workforce data as well as the challenges and opportunities of building connections to education data. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Children's Brain Injury Resource

The [National Collaborative on Childhood Brain Injury](#) (NCCBI), composed of both professionals and family members, was formed to develop recommendations for building statewide capacity to support students with brain injuries. The NCCBI has developed [an informative white paper](#) that makes policy and research recommendations, identifies critical gaps in educational services, and shares information, tools, and resources on learning supports for children with traumatic brain injuries in the school setting.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Innovate to Educate

In preparation for the Collaborative's Fall Member Meeting, we will be sharing resources that focus on designing personalized learning environments, particularly those that increase access to the curriculum through technology. This month we are featuring a report that was the result of a symposium held in Boston in 2010, "[Innovate to Educate: \[Re\]Design for Personalized Learning](#)."

Organized by the [Software & Information Industry Association](#), the [Council of Chief State School Officers](#), and [ASCD](#), the [two-day symposium](#) gathered key education stakeholders from schools, nonprofits, federal and local governments, and the ed tech vendor community. The meeting focused on the policies, practices and technologies needed to enable redesign of our education system from an industrial-age, assembly-line model (based on fixed time, place and pace) to one that is student-centered and designed to meet each student's personalized learning needs. The report contains key findings about how to redesign our current education model to better engage, motivate, and prepare students to be career and college ready.

RESOURCE

How Schools Work And How To Work With Schools

The National Association of State Boards of Education has released an updated version of their guide, "[How Schools Work And How To Work With Schools](#)." The guide is designed to demystify public education for policymakers, government officials, community members, business leaders, and others interested in partnering with schools to improve the health, safety, well-being, and academic success of all students.

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