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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 2016 MEMBER MEETING

*Courageous Leadership: Building Equitable and
Inclusive Schools and Districts*
December 7-9, 2016

As previously announced, our Fall 2016 Member Meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown from December 7-9. The primary topical focus is *Courageous Leadership: Building Equitable and Inclusive Schools and Districts*.

Registration for the meeting will open in July, and we will send out an email to our Members and Associate Members with registration information at that time. Until then, save the dates!

Also, please be on the lookout for our Call for Presentations! Please consider sharing examples of courageous leadership that have helped to create systematic changes in your district. More details to follow.



REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DAVID P. RILEY



Dr. David P. Riley, founder and senior advisor of the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative, passed away on May 2, 2016 after a valiant year-long battle with cancer. We will remember his thoughtful wisdom, tireless advocacy, constant commitment, and deep devotion to improving outcomes and opportunities for students with disabilities.

Click [here](#) for his full obituary and to learn more about donations in his honor.

SWIFT CONFERENCE

SWIFT 2016 National Professional Learning Institute

July 21-22, 2016

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Virginia

The SWIFT 2016 National Professional Learning Institute is designed to provide interactive learning about equity-based inclusion and inclusive school reform. Presenters from all five of the partner states will share their stories of success, lessons learned, and visions for the future. National presenters will share research, data, and evidence-based practices for equity-based inclusion.

SWIFT is a national K-8 technical assistance center that builds school capacity to provide academic and behavioral support to improve outcomes for all students through equity-based inclusion. Learn more at <http://www.swiftschools.org/>.

Registration for the SWIFT 2016 National Professional Learning Institute

(PLI) is \$250 per participant. This includes all PLI events and one working lunch.

LEADERSHIP LEARNING EXCHANGE

Breathe Joy and Justice into School and Community Leadership **Summer Leadership Learning Exchange** **July 17-21, 2016** **Greenville, North Carolina**

East Carolina University and the [Institute for Educational Leadership](#) invites teams and individuals from schools, districts, campuses, and communities to an interactive four-day institute that utilizes the latest research on achieving collective impact for equitable and excellent schools. With a focus on effective professional learning and key leadership lessons from practice, participants achieve customized outcomes.

As a participant, you can expect to:

- Renew your spirit by embracing practices of reflection, dialogue, and action
- Honor community wisdom and the power of place by actively learning from and with communities
- Practice useful and transferable strategies to engage in necessary conversations about race, class, and equity
- Practice cross sector school-community leadership that magnifies collective impact
- Partner with a coach from the national faculty before, during, and after the learning exchange to develop and implement plans that support equitable outcomes for your school, district and community

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

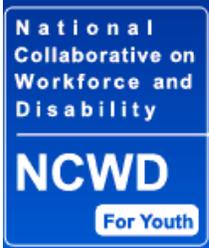
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The ATIA's Assistive Technology (AT) Online Professional Development program is the source of high-quality education from leading AT professionals for educators and service professionals working at the local, state, and national levels in government and private organizations.

You can find more information about [ATIA here](#). Find a webinar that enhances your skills, expands your knowledge, or broadens your awareness-live or recorded, to suit your learning time. Find the training you need in their [extensive directory](#).

INFORMATION BRIEF - SUPPORTING FAMILIES



Supporting Families of Students with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education

Check out the latest Info Brief from the [National Collaborative](#) on Workforce and Disability for Youth: *Supporting Families of Students with Disabilities in Postsecondary Education: Learning from the Voices of Families*. This Info Brief is designed to assist faculty, staff, and administrators in postsecondary education settings to better understand the value of engaging families of students with disabilities as partners in student success. This brief highlights findings from a national online dialogue on the topic conducted in early 2015. It provides ideas for supporting families related to common need areas identified in that dialogue, and promotes the idea of family engagement as a sound strategy for student retention and academic achievement.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



The Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS), housed at Seattle University, is a Washington State Needs Project funded annually with federal resources from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The goal of CCTS is to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities in the state. To reach this goal, CCTS provides secondary transition training and technical support to Educational Service Districts (ESDs), Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), and public schools that serve high school-age students who have an Individual Education Program (IEP). The CCTS provides resources and support services to all Washington State stakeholders including special education teachers, directors, students, and their families.

Check out their resources at <https://www.seattleu.edu/ccts/>.

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