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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR FALL 2017 MEMBER MEETING!



We are excited to announce that registration is now open for our Fall 2017 Member Meeting!

[Click here to register.](#)

Ensuring High Quality Supports and Services

November 1-3, 2017
Fairmont Olympic Hotel
Seattle, Washington

Now open!

[Click here to submit a proposal](#) to present your district's work in our Concurrent sessions.

STRATEGIES FOR TRANSITIONING TO AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

[Strategies for Transitioning to an Inclusive School Environment](#) by Judith Gross

For many students with disabilities, their school experience began or quickly became non-inclusive. As schools increasingly adopt inclusive practices, these students and their families may have questions or concerns. Following are some strategies, suggestions and resources for schools to help families understand and become a vital part of the process.



UPDATES ON THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION



Betsy DeVos gave [her first speech directly addressing special education](#) on July 17.

Also, here is a critical Edweek article detailing DeVos's first 6 months in office: [What Has Betsy DeVos Actually Done After Nearly Six Months in Office?](#)

DISES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE



The Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES) is co-sponsoring, with the University of the Western Cape, an exciting gathering of professionals from around the world to share their expertise and experiences!

[Submit your proposal for 2018](#)

SENSORY DIET MATERIALS

[Understood.org](#) shares a great many resources! See below for their resource on sensory diets. A [sensory diet](#) is a group of physical activities that can help your child stay alert and calm at the right times. It can be used as part of [sensory integration therapy](#).

A sensory diet can help "even things out" if your child is overexcited at times or too tired at

others. It can provide your child with the sensory input she needs to be in a "just right" state.

This printable template includes examples of [sensory diet activities](#) your preschooler or grade-schooler can try. It also includes a [worksheet](#), which you can use to keep track of how your child feels before and after each activity. (There's also an example of a filled-out worksheet, to give you a better idea of how to use it.)

Date:	Time:	I'm feeling: (circle the face that matches how you feel)	I tried: (write name of the activity)	After the activity, I felt: (circle all that apply)	This activity made me feel (circle one answer):
Monday	8am	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	Brush teeth with a vibrating toothbrush	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	 worse the same better
Tuesday	4pm	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	Wear noise-canceling headphones	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	 worse the same better
Wednesday	7pm	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	Carry a full laundry basket	 overexcited anxious sleepy angry calm	 worse the same better

JOB OPPORTUNITY



Jefferson County Public Schools (Kentucky) is hiring a Director of Exceptional Child Education.

Please take a look at their [job description](#).

[Please click here to apply.](#)

CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS!

In an effort to invite more collaboration and participation to bridge policy, research, and practice in urban special education, CollabNews will give member's the opportunity to submit articles, research, and news related to special education and/or your district to be published in CollabNews. If you would like to submit material for upcoming issues, please click the link below to fill out a short form and we will contact you!

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