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NEWS THIS MONTH

Month of September:

World Alzheimer's Month

Pain Awareness Month

National Guide Dog Month

Sept. 7, 2025 Muscular Dystrophy Awareness

Sept. 9, 2025 International Fetal Alcohol

Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day (FASD)

Sept. 22-28, 2025 International Week of Deaf People

UPCOMING PD

September 15, 2025 - Directors' Collaborative (In-Person 8:30-11:30): [Link](#)

September 16, 2025 - Preventing Challenging Behaviors (Virtual 3:00-4:00): [Link](#)

September 17, 2025 - Coordinators' Collaborative (Virtual 2:30-3:30): [Link](#)

September 23, 2025 - Introduction to Transition IEPs (Virtual 3:00-4:00): [Link](#)

LACOE Special Education Professional Development Calendar: [Link](#)

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year! Your dedication, creativity, and passion make an incredible difference in the lives of your students, and we are grateful for all that you do. Together, let's embrace this year as an opportunity for growth, collaboration, and inspiring every learner to reach their fullest potential.

USDOE ON IDEA COMPLIANCE

The U.S. Department of Education released their 2025 Determination Letters on State Implementation of IDEA. CA joined 26 other states that were determined to be in "Needs Assistance" which means the state did not meet obligations for two years.

For more information: [Link](#)

FREE LITERACY PD

LACOE is providing free training on reading instruction from the University of Florida Literacy Institute. Join us October 1-2, 2025. Space is limited. The training location will be in Pasadena.

For questions: nestico-arnold_diana@lacoedu.edu
Flyer with registration information: [Link](#)

MARYLAND COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE) is a nonprofit dedicated to advancing inclusion for all students. Their blog and podcast give practical advice, perspectives and ideas on how to include students with disabilities in all areas of education.

Dr. Marcia Reily and Kristen Standke were interviewed by Tim Villegas on their work for inclusion for students with extensive support needs.

Check them out here: [Link](#)

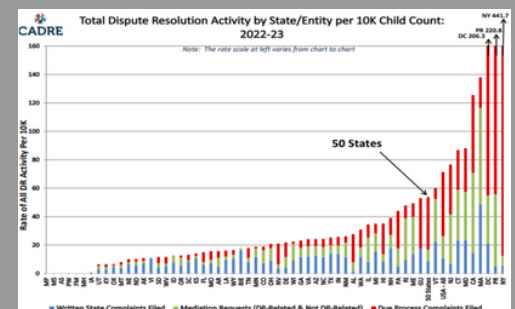
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THINK INCLUSIVE
Transforming California Education: Embrace Abilities Drives Inclusive Change

DATA SUMMARY

The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution In Special Education (CADRE) has released their data summary. [Link](#) For 2022-2023, CA came in third for the states for the number of total dispute resolutions per 10K child count. New York was first, followed by Massachusetts.



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