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NEWS THIS MONTH

Month of August:

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness
Psoriasis Action Month

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](#)

The LACOE Division of Special Education has created its full year professional development calendar. Specialized sessions for special education directors, coordinators and charter school administrators are available. General sessions such as transition, behavior and accommodations are also available.

HELP ME GROW LA

Help Me Grow LA (HMG LA) is a program of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH). HMG LA helps families find services that can support their child's development and special healthcare needs. HMG LA's Family Partners offer practical advice,

information, and support so families can get help in their community. We connect families with young children in Los Angeles County to FREE or LOW-COST resources for child development and special healthcare needs such as referrals to screenings and check-ups, connections to agencies that provide early developmental services, growth

milestone tools and parent support. Each of our Family Partners are parents of children with special needs or special healthcare needs, which helps to build relationships with families reaching out to HMG LA. Families in need of support can reach our call center at:

(833) 903-3972

publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/helpmegrow/

INCLUSION SYMPOSIUM

LACOE Division of Special Education was proud to present the 2025 Inclusion Symposium: Empowering K-12 Leaders, Supporting Every Student's Success. The focus was meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities in our general education settings.

Speakers included Wendy Murawski, Bryan Thornton, Jennifer Hall Lee, Kevin Schaefer, Audra Mesa, Anya Bergman, Howard Fulfroast, Miruna Ouatu-lascar, Suzi Caskey, Matthew Roper and Diana Arnold.

If you missed the Symposium this year, make sure you make it in 2026!



SEENSEE BOOK DONATION

LACOE received a generous donation of 8 pallets of braille books—totaling 10,000 books and valued at over \$160,000—from Seensee. This remarkable gift represents a powerful commitment to literacy, equity, and access to educational resources for all students, especially those with visual impairments.

As part of the distribution, LAUSD received 4 pallets to support its students. Additional pallets were picked up by several districts across the region, including Downey, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Temple City, Pasadena, Paramount, Lynwood, and Bellflower Unified School Districts.

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