

# New Hampshire State Department of Education Bureau of Special Education Presentations

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

- 9:00-9:10 am      **Welcome and Introductions**  
Santina Thibedeau, Administrator  
Bureau of Special Education
- 9:10-9:15 am      **Update on CEIS**  
Presented by Santina Thibedeau, Administrator  
Bureau of Special Education
- 9:15-9:55 am      **Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008**  
Presented by Roger Desrosiers and Eileen Mullen  
Department of Health and Human Services
- Fostering Connections was signed into law on October 7, 2008 and received bipartisan support from Congress to make significant improvements for abused and neglected children in foster care. This presentation will focus on key provisions and requirements of the Fostering Connections Act and the importance of educational stability for foster children.*
- 9:55-10:00 am      **Update on NH Accessible Instructional Materials**  
Presented by Mary T. Lane, Educational Consultant  
Bureau of Special Education
- 10:00-10:25 am      **Court Improvement Project and Education Protocol**  
Presented by Sarah Fox, Esq.  
Circuit Court Administrative Office
- The Court Improvement Project has been working with a multidisciplinary subcommittee to create education protocols for judges. Recent changes in state and federal law affect the education protocols and committee continues to update and revise the work. This presentation will cover highlights of the education protocol development, the importance of school district participation in court, as well as a brief update about the new Circuit Court structure.*
- 10:25-10:30 am      **Update on the Results of the Parent Involvement Survey**  
Presented by Mary T. Lane  
Bureau of Special Education
- This presentation will discuss the preliminary results of the New Hampshire 2010-2011 survey, which measures the percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving service and results for children with disabilities. Information will include the overall response rate, the percentage of parent response at or above the standard, the history of statistically significant results of the last four years, and an update of activities supporting school and family partnerships for the 2011-2012 school year.*

10:30-10:45am      **Break—Networking with Colleagues**

10:45-11:00 am      **Understanding the Process for Social Security Disability Determination**  
Presented by Anne Prehemo, Professional Relations Officer  
NHDOE, Disability Determination Service (DDS)

*How Schools Can Help - the role schools play in assisting children in the Social Security disability process and the importance of school records and teacher involvement in making a disability decision.*

11:00-11:15 am      **Vocational Rehabilitation and Students with Disabilities**  
Presented by Lisa Hatz, Administrator  
NHDOE, Vocational Rehabilitation Services

*This overview of Vocational Rehabilitation will include general facts as well as a discussion of the latest transition programming to assist students with disabilities in achieving their future career goals.*

11:15-11:30am      **Understanding Indicator 13**  
Presented by McKenzie Harrington  
Bureau of Special Education

*This presentation will cover the 2010-2011 compliance results for the State and highlight some NH high school successes with this Indicator, as well as a brief overview of the monitoring process for the 2011-2012 school year.*

11:30-12:00pm      **Guidelines for Deaf Education**  
Presented by Kim Pelkey, Project Coordinator  
Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

*This presentation will provide an overview of the guidelines developed by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative Project: **The New Hampshire Educational Service Guidelines for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students**. Particular focus will be on the guidelines related to the use of Educational Interpreters in the classroom, as well as outlining moving forward with the dissemination of the guidelines and related training.*

12:00-12:15pm      Bureau staff available for questions and networking