



State Education Agencies Communication Disabilities Council

July 10, 2017

Dear State Directors of Special Education:

I am writing on behalf of the State Education Agencies Communication Disabilities Council (SEACDC). The SEACDC conducts quarterly conference calls, maintains a list serve to keep participants connected to national perspectives, and conducts an annual meeting each November prior to the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) National Convention. Each event includes guest speakers, evidence-based practice resources, and a discussion of current issues facing states regarding practices and policies for speech-language pathologists. SEACDC participants include those affiliated with the SEA through a technical assistance center, university training program, an appointed representative, or full time staff of the SEA.

The SEACDC will hold an annual meeting on Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in Los Angeles, CA. The annual meeting intentionally precedes the annual ASHA Convention to provide opportunities for meetings with ASHA Board members and various committees, and to reduce travel costs for SEA staff. Topics for training and discussion on November 7th and 8th include:

- Evidenced Based Practices in Assessment and Treatment
- Supervision and Mentoring – Supports for SLPs
- Diagnostic Accuracy and Dynamic Assessment
- Strategies to Address Disproportionality
- Curriculum Based Assessments and Intervention

Participants may also want to attend the opening session held the evening of **Monday, November 6th** for a discussion on **Results Driven Accountability**. Previous years' attendees have commented that the travel cost is minimal when compared to the information provided and its impact on the provision of technical assistance and administration of programs.

For more information about activities of the council I invite you to visit our website at www.seacdc.org or contact me at cassel_t@cde.state.co.us or at 303-866-6114. Meeting registration information will be available at www.seacdc.org. It is my hope that you will consider appointing a representative from your state or territory to participate in SEACDC events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tami Cassel'.

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President
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