



Friday News Blast



October 23, 2020

Please see our SPED website at www.education.ne.gov/sped as well for all the updated guidance and information related to special education and early intervention during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continuously be updating our page with the most recent guidance and adding resources.

Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) – Submission Due Date

The Due Date for The Targeted Improvement Plan for District submission remains unchanged (November 1, 2020). That being said, the Office of Special Education understands and feels the extreme sense of overwhelm that districts have experienced in light of the current pandemic. Therefore, should a district be experiencing extenuating circumstances, The OSE will grant a two week extension to the deadline (November 16, 2020) for submission of the targeted improvement plans. We strongly encourage districts to watch the developed screencasts located here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEK03-NLiWY> for additional support in UPDATING your Targeted Improvement Plan for 2020 as well as encourage you to reach out to Kelly.Wojcik@nebraska.gov should you have questions.

Seeking Proposals Now for the 2021 Virtual Transition Conference – Dream It!, Plan It!, Do It!

The Nebraska Department of Education is seeking proposals for sessions for the virtual 2021 conference. Please submit your offer to present by 5:00 pm on November 16, 2020. Lead presenters will be notified regarding the status of their submission by December 1, 2020.

Priority will be given to those proposals that disseminate evidence-based practices, actively engage participants, and present topics likely to improve Post-Secondary Outcomes for students with disabilities.

The virtual sessions will be presented on the days of the conference and recorded to be available for later viewing.

Please submit through the following link: <https://forms.gle/kEWZtGiB1XnXtojT6>

Upcoming Virtual GOLD Trainings & Misc. GOLD Information

November 5-6th GOLD: Using your Observations to Individualize Instruction ([Register Here](#))

November 10-11th GOLD: A Key to Responsive Planning (Home Visitor Breakout Session on day 2) ([Register Here](#))

November 12-13th GOLD: Administrative

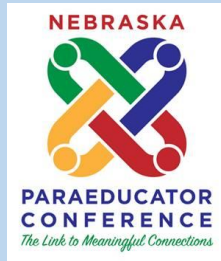
Please notify GOLD administrators to ensure that children receiving early intervention services are exited on their 3rd birthday. The [Part C GOLD Exit Checklist](#) is attached to assist in that process.

As a reminder, all children birth through kindergarten eligible age, served by a public school district or ESU are required to have an NDE Student ID/ADVISER ID. This identification number must be reported on the child's Teaching Strategies GOLD profile. The GOLD administrators are responsible for ensuring that these identification numbers are within each child's profile. Please refer to the [Results Matter TA document](#) for further clarification on ADVISER ID's

Fall GOLD Checkpoints are due October 31st

2020 Virtual Para-educator Conference Registration is NOW OPEN!

November 10, 2020



We look forward to your participation at the virtual 2020 Para-educator Conference. This year's theme of "Para-educator's, The Link to Meaningful Connections" is more relevant than ever! The focus of the conference is how to create and maintain social-emotional connections with students. Registration for this year's conference is FREE! Do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow. Please see the attached for the schedule At-A-Glance and Register at: <https://events.education.ne.gov/events/paraeducator-conference/>



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