

## Who Attends the New Directors Academy?

- New special education directors 2016-2017 — defined as those who will be assuming the position/duties of a director of special education for the first time during the 2016-17 school year
- Returning directors — those who attended the 2015-2016 New Directors Academy

## Save the Dates!

*Participants should plan to attend all meetings.*

July 13-15, 2016

Capitol Plaza Hotel

- Finance Academy, July 13
- Compliance and Data, July 14-15

September 20, 2016

Tan-Tar-A Resort

- Immediately following the MO-CASE Conference from noon to 3 p.m.
- Working lunch for mentors and mentees

January 19, 2017

<http://desemo.adobeconnect.com/r8invd67wh/>

Winter webinar, Hot Topics, 1-2 p.m.

March 3, 2017

Tan-Tar-A Resort

- Immediately following the MO-CEC Conference from noon to 3 p.m.
- Working lunch for mentors and mentees



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# New Directors Academy 2016-17

## Learning to Fish



## What is the New Directors Academy?

The Office of Special Education hosts a New Directors Academy for first-and second-year special education directors.

The Academy will meet four times throughout the 2016-17 school year. It will focus on core activities that new special education directors must complete during their initial months of employment and throughout the entire school year.

These activities will assist them in the management of special education practices and procedures within the LEA, while ensuring that the rights of students with disabilities and their parents are protected.

# What are the Outcomes for the New Directors Academy?

## Special Education Compliance

### Participants will learn

- the special education process and the standards and indicators.
- discipline and dispute resolution options including facilitated IEPs.
- how to use data from the special education profile and program monitoring to plan for more efficient and effective compliance procedures.

- how to ensure compliance with spending thresholds to meet maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements.
- allowable ways to expend Part B IDEA federal funds and proration methods.
- other important fiscal requirements related to federal funds.
- where to find available guidance and resources related to special education funds.

## Special Education Finance

### Participants will learn

- how to track special education expenditures from various funding sources to ease the burden of financial reporting.

## Special Education Data Collection and Reporting

### Participants will learn

- why districts report Special Education data.
- what data are collected for students with disabilities.
- how the required data are reported to DESE.

## RPDC Services and Supports

Participants will meet with RPDC consultants to discuss programs and supports available from their local center.

## LASE

Participants will network in small groups with their mentors and LASE leaders.

