Who Attends the New Directors Academy?

- New special education directors 2019-20 — those who will be assuming the position/duties of a director of special education for the first time
- Returning directors — defined as those who attended the 2018-19 New Directors Academy.

If you have questions regarding attendance, please contact Cheryl Stock at 573-751-0285 or Tiffani Muessig at 573-751-0185.

Save the Dates!
Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

July 23-26, 2019
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City
- Finance Academy, July 23-24
- Compliance and Data, July 25-26

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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 once during the 2019-20 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.

**Academy Outcomes**

**Special Education Compliance**
- Participants will learn the special education process and the standards and indicators, including eligibility, IEPs, and the special education process and standards.
- Participants will learn discipline and dispute resolution options, including facilitated IEPs.
- Participants will learn how to use data from the special education profile and program monitoring to plan for more efficient and effective compliance procedures.

**Special Education Data Collection and Reporting**
- Participants will learn why districts report special education data.
- Participants will learn what data are collected for students with disabilities.
- Participants will learn how the data are reported to and used by DESE.
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- Participants will learn how to ensure compliance with standards and indicators.

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

**Special Education Finance**
- Participants will learn how to track special education expenditures from various sources to avoid the burden of financial reportkeeping that new special education directors may face.
- Participants will learn how to ensure compliance with spending thresholds to meet maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements.
- Participants will learn allowable ways to expend Part B IDEA funds.
- Participants will learn other important federal requirements.
- Participants will learn federal funds and program mandates.
- Participants will learn federal requirements.

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