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## Federal Programs - Division for Special Education Services and Supports



Directors,

We are excited to announce that the **Special Education Parent Survey** is live and available on multiple websites. The survey data will be used to measure parent satisfaction for Indicator 8 of the Annual Performance Report. Families of all students with disabilities may access the survey on the **GaDOE Webpage**, **Georgia Parent Mentor Webpage**, and **Parent to Parent of Georgia Webpage**

Direct Link for Parent Survey: **[Click Here](#)**

In addition to the survey, you may access the following supporting documents:  
**2021 Parent Survey Flyer (English)**

**2021 Parent Survey Flyer (Spanish)**

**2021 Parent Survey FAQ**

### Information for the Parents of Young Children

Learn the Signs. Act Early. is a program developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics that provides FREE resources for monitoring the development of children ages birth through 5. The website, **[cdc.gov/ActEarly](https://www.cdc.gov/ActEarly)**, contains a multitude of free materials including milestone checklists, story books, and even a Milestone Tracker App for mobile devices. Georgia has also created a **developmental milestone** with web-based milestone checklists and links to different resources to support families of young children in Georgia. Explore these exciting resources today! You may contact Bridget Ratajczak, Department of Early Care and Learning Child and Family Development Supervisor and the Act Early Ambassador to Georgia, at **[bridget.ratajczak@dec.al.gov](mailto:bridget.ratajczak@dec.al.gov)** or 770-359-5547 for more information.

## **Announcement from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA)**

Newly Released Video Series (Preschool During the Pandemic: Early Childhood Education in Extraordinary Times)

This **multi-part video series**, developed by Larry Edelman, features preschool staff and families from five states and illustrates their working together to use technology to make the virtual learning experience exciting, effective and engaging for young children.

Currently, there are 12 videos in the series, each ranging from five to 16 minutes in length. The videos cover the perspectives of professionals and parents on topics such as inclusion, equity and family support, the challenges and joys of remote learning, hands-on and play-based experiences, a family's approach to supporting a preschooler in a virtual environment, promoting social skills, relationships and positive social emotional development and the use of green screens to engage preschoolers.

### **New Early Childhood Outcomes Resource**

We are please to share a new resource created to help parents understand and engage in the Early Childhood Outcomes process. Please share this valuable resource with your diagnostic teams, teachers and parents.

**[Child Outcomes One pager 1-2021 final ver3.pdf \(gadoe.org\)](#)**

### **Student Record Training**

The Division for Special Education (GO-IEP/Data Team) will offer technical assistance for local school systems to support how to accurately report special education data in the Student Record Data Collections. The GO-IEP/Data Team will offer a series of student record (SR) training webinars, which will be recorded.

Training content will not address student specific issues. If you have student specific questions, contact your regional data program specialist. Please register for the sessions you would like to attend. After registering for each webinar, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the live session. Student Record is open in the portal, and you may begin uploading and recovering rejected records to the extent possible prior to the training.

### **1). Student Record for Special Education: What Are the Special Education Events?**

When: Feb 2, 2021 1:00 PM EST – 3:00 PM EST

This webinar will address topics related to what should be reported in the Special Education File for each special education event, when to report an event type and how to know which event to use for students who transfer.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)

### **2). Student Record for Special Education: What Other SR Level Records Impact Special Ed Data?**

When: Feb 16, 2021 1:00 PM EST – 3:00 PM EST

This webinar will address topics related to the special education data elements reported in the other student record files such as student level information and programs such as GNETS and Preschool. It will also address discipline data reported in the Student Safety file.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)

### **3). Student Record for Special Education: Reporting and Reviewing Student Record Data and Recovering Rejected Records**

When: Mar 2, 2021 1:00 PM EST – 3:00 PM EST

This webinar will address topics related to the steps to report student record, navigating the portal to review what has been reported, as well as the process to recover records if they are rejected.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)

### **4). Student Record for Special Education: Errors and Reports**

When: Mar 9, 2021 1:00 PM EST – 3:00 PM EST

This webinar will address topics related to understanding the errors and warnings in Student Record and ways to correct the errors. Relevant reports available in Student Record will also be discussed.

Registration link: [Click Here](#)