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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Directors of Special Services, Directors of Special Education, Child Study Team Members
From: Kim Buxenbaum, Director
Office of Special Education
Deadline: Applications due by April 1, 2020

Call for Applications for PCAST, Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education, in partnership with the Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, invites school districts to apply for participation in the Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST) 2020-21 Cohort. Each year a select group of school districts receives intensive, ongoing customized training and technical assistance on person-centered approaches. PCAST staff from the Boggs Center work collaboratively with school staff to explore person-centered approaches, including but not limited to individual person-centered plan facilitation, classroom implementation, and developing more person-centered IEP meetings and processes.

The PCAST project has been built on a foundation of respect, trust and partnership with educators, families and students working together to provide holistic person-centered supports for students in both primary and secondary education. All person-centered approaches involve a continuous process of discovery that engages educators, and students and their families to develop a deep understanding of each student and supporting them in shaping a personal vision for a positive future.

Application Process

Please complete and submit the [application](#) by April 1, 2020 to Kellyann Giudice at kellyann.giudice@rutgers.edu.

Contact Information

If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Bill Freeman at (609) 376-3734 or via email at Bill.Freeman@doe.nj.gov.

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