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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, Directors of Student Support Services, Directors of Special Education, Child Study Team

Members, Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs)

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**Division of Educational Services** 

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## Statewide Information Sessions on the Release of the "Best Practices for New Jersey School-Based Behavior Analysts" Resource Document

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education (OSE), is pleased to announce the release of the "Best Practices for New Jersey Public School Behavior Analysts". This resource is specifically designed for New Jersey professionals who hold Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA®) certification from the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB®) and who actively practice behavior analysis within the state's public school settings.

This document addresses the unique challenges and complexities BCBAs encounter in New Jersey's public schools and serves as a valuable guide for improving student learning and behavioral outcomes. It offers tailored insights and standards that reflect the specific context of behavior analysis in the state's educational system. Whether behavior analysts provide direct services, offer indirect support, or contribute to essential service delivery foundations, these best practices set a framework for excellence in applied behavior analysis across New Jersey's public schools.

OSE is organizing a virtual information session to support the release of the resource document:

Information Session Date	Time	Register By:
January 14, 2025	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	January 8, 2025

Please use this <u>Registration Link</u> to register for "An Introductory Overview of the Best Practices for New Jersey School-Based Behavior Analysts" information session. You will receive a confirmation email with further details and access to the online session.

The information session is intended for BCBAs practicing within New Jersey's public school system. Additionally, school administrators, special education coordinators, child study team members, and other professionals who collaborate with BCBAs or oversee behavioral services in educational settings may benefit from attending to better understand the best practices outlined in the resource.

## **Contact Information**

Please direct all questions to the Office of Special Education at OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.

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