



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 23, 2025

To: Local Education Agency Leads. Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: District Directors of Special Education. Child Study Team Members

From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services

Deadline: October 3, 2025

Community of Practice Opportunity for Child Study Team (CST) Members

Background

A Community of Practice (CoP) brings together individuals with shared professional interests to collaborate, exchange knowledge, and improve their practice. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Office of Special Education (OSE), is launching a CoP for Child Study Team (CST) members for the 2025–2026 school year, focused on enhancing support for students with disabilities.

Invitation to Register

School Social Workers, Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultants (LDT/Cs), and School Psychologists are invited to apply for membership in this CoP. Space is limited to ensure meaningful participation. If this aligns with your role, please review the details below and register.

Purpose

This CoP offers a collaborative space to share strategies, resources, and best practices. Meetings will focus on Individualized Education Plan (IEP) development and implementation, leading effective IEP meetings, and managing the day-to-day responsibilities of case management.

Meeting Dates

In-person at the [Learning Resource Center](#), 200 River View Plaza, Trenton:

- January 22, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- May 7, 2026

Registration Link

Complete the [registration form](#).

Contact information

For additional information, please email OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov. For additional resources on educating and supporting students with disabilities, please visit the [NJDOE Office of Special Education](#), the [Learning Resource Center Network](#), and the [Office of Special Education Engagement](#) websites.

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