



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities  
Route To: Preschool Administrators  
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Educational Services

## Preschool Inclusion Leadership Conference 2026

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Special Education is pleased to sponsor the third annual Preschool Inclusion Leadership Conference hosted by Montclair State University Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health. This conference will be held on **Thursday, April 23, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ.**

This year, the conference will feature plenary and breakout sessions addressing topics relevant to public school districts, with a particular emphasis on increasing the number of preschool children educated in general education classrooms. The conference is intended for districts both with and without state-funded preschool programs. The target audience includes New Jersey public school special and general education administrators, including superintendents, directors and supervisors of special services, early childhood directors, and principals.

Visit the [registration page](#) for detailed information about the conference and to register. There is a \$45 registration fee to cover the cost of breakfast and lunch.

Please direct questions to the Office of Special Education at [OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov](mailto:OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov).

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