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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: Directors of Special Education, Principals, Child Study Team Members, Teachers

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2026-2027 Training Opportunities for Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), in partnership with the Boggs Center on Disability and Human Development, is sponsoring training sessions on Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST). Person-centered approaches are applicable to all students aged three through twenty-one. PCAST staff from the Boggs Center facilitate training sessions that explore the use of person-centered approaches including, but not limited to facilitating individual person-centered plans, classroom implementation, and developing more person-centered Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and processes. This includes focusing on improving the transition from school to adult life.

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 support for students in both elementary and secondary education. All person-centered approaches involve a continuous process of discovery that engages educators, students, and families with the goal of developing a deep understanding of each student and supporting the personal vision for a positive future.

The PCAST workshops are available to educators, students and family members statewide using the Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) and other locations throughout the state. Virtual sessions may be offered for select sessions. There is no charge to participate in any of the training sessions. Funding for these workshops is provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; Part B. Local educational agencies are encouraged to identify and invite parents to attend these training sessions.

Key Steps/Actions

See the registration webpage link below for additional information. Please find all information and instructions for registering for sessions on the [PCAST Registration Webpage](#).

Contact information

For any questions, please contact the Office of Special Education via email at OSEInfo@doe.nj.gov