



Special Education in Action



Engaging Stakeholders through Promising Practices and Program Development



Empowering New Educators: Building Community and Practices during the New Teacher Academy (LRC-South)

About the Learning Resource Centers

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) Network is a New Jersey Department of Education initiative funded by IDEA Part B. With four centers across the state, it serves as a comprehensive resource for special education, offering free instructional materials, technical assistance, professional development, and policy guidance to families and educators of students with disabilities.

Spotlighting the New Teacher Academy

The Learning Resource Center-South (LRC-S) hosts an annual New Teacher Academy (NTA) Professional Learning Community (PLC) for early career educators in New Jersey. This free program, open to teachers in their first three years, begins with a three-day summer academy in mid-August. The academy focuses on building community, developing culturally responsive practices, and implementing inclusive instructional strategies. Throughout the year, participants engage in monthly PLC meetings to support ongoing professional growth.

Participants describe the NTA as empowering and supportive, valuing the connections made with peers, diverse perspectives gained, and increased confidence in supporting students with varied learning needs. The program also offers leadership development opportunities, with some members returning as facilitators in subsequent years. For more information and resources, interested educators can visit the LRC-South's New Teacher Hub.



Click on the icons, images and text for direct access to updates, spotlights and opportunities.

Guidance and Updates

[Dyslexia Handbook \(Revised 2024\)](#)

Resources

[NEW! Monitoring Resources and Templates](#)

[NEW! Significant Disproportionality Website and Resource Guide](#)

[Person-Centered Planning Website and Resources](#)

[Student Records Guidance Document](#)

[Local Special Education Data One-Pagers](#)

E-Learning Opportunities

NEW! [On-demand videos](#) covering a series of topics related to Dispute Resolution.

[LRC-S Professional Learning "Shorts"](#)

Professional Development Opportunities



[Office of Special Education Engagement Webpage](#)

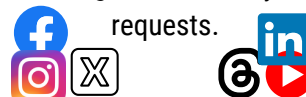
The Family Connections Corner "Stronger Together"

SPAN offers workshops for parents, professionals, and practitioners. These trainings help individuals develop new skills, increase your knowledge of your rights regarding your child's educational or health needs, and connect you with other parents.



Planning technical assistance for SY24-25?

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Coming Soon

- Emotional and Behavioral Program Quality Indicators
- 18-21 Year Old Program Quality Indicators
- Best Practices for Behavior Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs)