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Office of Special Education's Quarterly Updates: New Releases and Opportunities

The Office of Special Education (OSE) values its mission to provide educators, families, and other stakeholders with the technical assistance, professional learning in evidence-based practices, and access to instructional materials and resources necessary for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to achieve academic success.

This quarterly broadcast, along with the OSE's Newsletter, highlights various tools and resources recently made available to the public through the OSE website. Each resource is curated with equity, diversity, empowerment, and improved student outcomes in mind.

The following resources and websites can now be accessed:

- New [Community of Practice](#) offerings for the 2024-2025 school year (Registration Deadline: August 2, 2024)
- Release of the [Summer Learning Institute 2024](#) website and offerings
 - The theme is "Progress through Partnerships" which includes collaboration across over 40 sessions in partnership with over 20 organizations. Events will take place from July 8th through July 26th in both virtual and in-person modalities hosted at each of the Learning Resource Centers.
- Release of the [Educational Planning Guide for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#), in both printable and fillable formats.
- [1st Annual Autism Acceptance Virtual Art Expo](#) in celebration of Autism Acceptance Month with the theme "What's in a Dream?".
- The [FFY2022 Local Special Education Profiles and Determinations](#) (released on May 31, 2024), including:
 - [Fifteen \(15\) one-page resource](#) documents for each of the indicators.
- Two newly released funding resources:
 - [IDEA Allowable Uses Resource Guide](#)
 - [Maximizing Federal Funds to Enhance Inclusive Opportunities](#)
- Two additional [E-Learning Opportunities](#) that can be used for on-demand professional development:
 - "Spelling 101: An Introduction to English Orthography"
 - "Autism Program Quality Indicators – Revised (Part 1)"

In addition to these resources, we continuously highlight ongoing opportunities for action, learning and collaboration on the [Special Education Engagement Website](#). For more information or questions, please contact the Office of Special Education at OSEinfo@doe.nj.gov.

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