



**INDIANA COUNCIL
of ADMINISTRATORS
of SPECIAL EDUCATION**

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WELCOME BACK!

ICASE SUMMER HAPPENINGS

CASE/CEC Legislative Summit

Several ICASE members recently traveled to Washington, DC to represent the state of Indiana at the 2017 CEC/CASE Legislative Summit. Tammy Hurm, Governmental Affairs Chairperson, helped to organize the fifteen (15) ICASE representatives that made appointments and spent time with DC legislators from the State of Indiana.

This was a great opportunity to represent ICASE members, administrators, teachers, families and other educators on topics that will have an impact on the students with disabilities in Indiana. We want to thank several Legislators, including Congressmen Andre Carson, Trey Hollingsworth and Larry Bucshon; and Congresswoman Susan Brooks.

The ICASE team "stormed the hill" and did an amazing job discussing full funding of IDEA, Medicaid in schools, Keeping public school funds in public education and increasing education appropriations. Our Indiana legislators listened, shared their thoughts and in some cases were very much enlightened by our ICASE representatives. Thank you to the ICASE/CEC members for giving all ICASE members a voice in DC.

New Directors Training

Congratulations to all the new Directors of Special Education in the state of Indiana!! In June, new and aspiring special education directors attended a training held by ICASE and the IDOE's Office of Special Education (OSE) to help new directors achieve a great start to their new positions. Margaret "Peggy" Murphy (Avon Community Schools) organized the day of training and Pam Wright, Director of the OSE, kicked off the day's activities by introducing her entire OSE team that came to support our new directors. The training covered topics like fiscal support, compliance monitoring and data collection in addition to many other topics.

What a great way to kickoff a new career path, thanks ICASE.

Retreat Review

The ICASE Executive Committee has been very busy planning, collaborating and discussing

changes needed to grow the organization. The executive committee took a trip to Henryville, IN for some time to focus on the health of the organization. The team examined the mission, created a strategic plan, discussed fiscal needs, and reviewed the ICASE Constitution in an attempt to keep the organization moving in the right direction. The executive committee will be proposing changes at fall ICASE. We encourage you to become a voting member and to help our team of volunteers to make our professional organization, ICASE, the best in the country.

COMING UP NEXT: **[Fall Conference/Inclusion Revolution](#)**

The Professional Development Committee has been hard at work planning the **[2017 Inclusion Revolution \(Oct. 4th - 6th\)](#)**. Inclusion Revolution is this year's fall conference theme. The committee has an amazing line up of speakers, presenters and entertainers ready to revolutionize our inclusionary practices and enlighten our members. The conference will be held at the French Lick Springs Resort in French Lick, IN.

Make sure you take the time to visit our [website](#) and review the conference information and register for a conference that you just cannot miss!

2017 IN Legislative Reminders

SEA 61 - Requires a school corporation, accredited nonpublic school, or charter school to report incidents of seclusion and restraint involving a school resource officer.

Director Actions: Make sure that you review this requirement with all staff and have a system in place for reporting and collecting data.

575 IAC 1-5.5-11 - Requires that a child (riding a school bus) below the grade of kindergarten must be transported in a child safety restraint system that meets all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards beginning January 1, 2018. (2) For any child below the grade of kindergarten, the use of a lap belt alone is not appropriate.

Director Actions: Discuss this new requirement with your transportation department and make sure all required restraints are available before January.

HEA 1079 - Schools must require an expanded criminal history check on each employee every five (5) years.

Director Actions: Check to make sure that your administrative team has a system in place for keeping track of the dates that criminal history checks were completed. This will allow you to inform employees of the need to have their criminal history checks updated every five (5) years.

[Check out the IDOE - OSE Digest - July 2017](#)

ICASE MEMBERSHIP

JOIN ICASE TODAY (If you haven't already)!

The most important professional decision you will make will be to join ICASE. ICASE provides a way for administrators to gain information on programs, services, legal questions and research that will be helpful to you as an educator. We provide two very informative state conferences annually and many smaller regional topical conferences around the state.

Participating in committees, regional roundtables and conferences gives each member a chance to be heard, and allows all our members to have an impact on our students' lives.

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