



# 2023 | 2024 Michigan CEC Professional Development Webinar Schedule

Members: Free  
Non-Members: \$30/webinar

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## MDE | OSE TOWN HALL

Each year the Office of Special Education partners with Michigan Council for Exceptional Children to share timely and relevant updates and answer questions from the field.

Please join us to chat with Michigan's Special Education Director Teri Rink, & Jonnie Taton | MDE's Director of Early Childhood Development and Family Education, and their amazing staff as they pour into our field as we kick off the 23-24 school year.off the 23-24 school year.

**8/31/2023  
4:30PM – 5:30PM**

***Speakers: Teri Rink, Jonnie Taton***

## MAKING WELLNESS WORK FOR YOU

It is widely understood that special educators and other service providers are prone to burnout and traumatic stress, and as such, they are often reminded of the importance of "self-care." However, some education professionals resent this suggestion, as their stress levels are often escalated by working conditions (e.g., high demands, heavy workloads, problematic interpersonal interactions) and other matters outside their control. It is not that they lack understanding of self-care, but they become overwhelmed by various conditions that threaten their health and happiness. Nonetheless, the individual plays a key role in their wellness. This is not another self-care session.

The webinar is about empowering special education professionals to make wellness work for them. Beyond self-defense from burnout, the content includes active approaches to living in their best possible capacity. During this session, participants will engage in reflective and interactive tasks that compel them to prioritize their health and happiness while being of service to others.

**9/19/2023  
4:30PM – 5:30PM**

***Speakers: Dr. Brandi Ansley***



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## CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE RESOURCES THAT WORK!

Creating brave spaces that herald belonging can be a daunting task. But the task is less overwhelming when you can identify resources, people, and materials to support the work. Webinar participants will build an inventory of resources, learn practices strategies, and be encouraged to ask their burning questions.

**10/26/2023  
4:30PM – 5:30PM**

**Speaker:** *Willie Lewis, Ed.S. & Precios Armstrong, Ed.D.*

## CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERSHIPS: FAMILY SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK

Creating and maintaining positive home school partnerships are critical to fostering great outcomes for ALL students especially our those with exceptionalities. Join this amazing panel of families and education practitioners as they celebrate strategies and elements necessary to develop and nurture authentic home school partnerships in the ever changing world of education.

**1/18/2024  
4:30PM – 5:30PM**

**Speakers:** *Lohren Nzoma, Dr. Baranda Fermin, Ayana Eggleston, Derrick Padgett, Victoria Martinez, Christina Bowden*

## INCLUSION, BELONGING, AND EQUITY: HOW TO TALK ABOUT THEM AND BUILDING AN ACTION PLAN

Join this power packed panel of educators as they explore Inclusion, Belonging, and Equity in this two part series. In part one we will define the important concepts while identifying conversational strategies to bridge divide and build better outcomes within education. In part two participants will be invited to build an action plan to support these concepts and ask the panel their burning questions.

**2/8 & 2/22/2024  
4:30PM – 5:30PM**

**Speakers:** *TBD*



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