



Congratulations Lydia Moore!

2025 Michigan CEC William Cruikshank Award!

Dr. Moore's passion for special education began early, inspired by her brother with a disability. At just 11, she discovered her calling while volunteering at his day camp. She went on to teach preschoolers with Autism for 12 years, earning deep gratitude from families for her creative, evidence-based approach that met every child's unique needs.

Her leadership expanded at Oakland Schools, where she served as the Early Childhood Compliance Specialist for a decade, transforming practices and strengthening services countywide. She led with both accountability and heart—empowering educators, streamlining processes, and always centering student success.

Now, as Executive Director of Special Education, Dr. Moore continues to champion inclusive learning and support families with empathy and vision. She is known for her calm, solutions-focused leadership style and her commitment to equity for all learners.

Beyond her district, Dr. Moore has led at the state level. As a past president of Michigan CEC and current SEAC representative, she has advanced policy, empowered educators, and helped shape a stronger future for special education across Michigan.

