

School Counselor Connection

June 2020

From your School Counselor Specialist

This spring brought new challenges to our role and I have been impressed, inspired, and humbled by the way school counselors from around the state met those challenges and continued to put students first. I hope you have some down time this summer to unwind and disconnect as we know the upcoming school year will look and feel different as well. Thank you for the ways you continually monitor and adjust to serve your schools and communities.



Please reach out if you need anything. I am here to support you. I can be reached by email at amanda.nolasco@azed.gov or by phone at 602.542.5353.

ECAP/AzCIS Reminder

As a reminder, ADE has not renewed the contract with AzCIS which will end on June 30, 2020. Please remember to save any student data before that date. Below are some instructions on how to view/print portfolios and other reports you may want to save.

We know this is a huge transition for districts who used the program with fidelity. We will work with districts on ECAP compliance as we know the next couple of years will be transitional.

Below is also information that was sent to districts regarding AzCIS and other platforms that can be used for ECAP.

Resources will be on the ADE website soon that you can use in place of AzCIS to have students navigate the ECAP process.

To assist with moving ECAP forward, please join us for a webinar "ECAP without AzCIS" on July 22nd hosted by AzCAN featuring Amanda Nolasco your School Counselor Specialist from


ADE along with school counselors who will share how they have created platforms for students to easily document their ECAP.

Please register for the webinar at

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WfopohohRRS1DWkWNC0axA




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CIS-Reports-Manual.pdf

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ECAP Moving Foward Announcement.pdf


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Career Literacy Support for K-8

Check out the information below for Career Awareness resources for grades K-8 and a PD opportunity for Middle School educators on Career Exploration.




Career Awareness Resources.pdf

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Career Exploration Middle School Flyer.pdf

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Professional Development

Using YouTube for Student Engagement - in Any Setting

Please join us for the next episode of the **Thursday Afternoon Learning Series**, or **TALES**, on Thursday, June 25, 2020, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., “Using YouTube for Student Engagement- in Any Setting” with Paul West. Whether your district is planning to re-open with a brick-and-

mortar, online, or hybrid model, teachers will need be more intentional than ever about delivering instruction in ways that engage our students. YouTube videos can be an important tech tool for student engagement for ALL students. In this session, you will learn about some of the unique ways videos can be used to teach to the strengths of students with disabilities, as well as some great tips and tricks for organizing, customizing, and presenting YouTube videos to support student engagement and learning.

Paul has been a Coach of Digital Innovation for the Tempe Elementary School District for the last 5 years. Prior to that, he taught 4th and 5th grade for 5 years. Paul is well-versed in all manner of EdTech and is currently an ambassador for Flipgrid, Wakelet, and other versatile EdTech tools. Participant registration is first-come, first-served and is not limited to special educators – feel free to forward. [Please click here to register](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Questions regarding this TALES professional learning opportunity can be sent to ATinbox@azed.gov

CAP Classes

College & Career Advising for Special Populations

July 13 - August 14, 2020

This module will address the skills and knowledge required to help special population students prepare for college and careers. Participants will be engaged in building knowledge and skills in several areas, including understanding and identifying special populations, building support systems, academic planning and postsecondary exploration, the college application process and financial aid, and transitions to college. Participants will engage in constructive discussions in a learning community with their colleagues during each session, and complete practical, hands-on activities throughout the course. [Register now.](#)

Advanced Skills in Postsecondary Education & Career Advising

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Participants will learn about postsecondary learning opportunities that are a two-year degree or less and how these programs can lead to success in various career fields. The module also covers how to help students connect their career goals to postsecondary planning and transitions processes, and how to help students make informed postsecondary decisions based on match and fit, cost of attendance and the average graduation rates at various postsecondary institutions. [Register now.](#)

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View the [course schedule](#) and other [professional development opportunities.](#)

FAFSA Webinars

See the information below for online FAFSA webinars that will offered this July - November.



Fall 2020 webinar schedule- final.pdf

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DE-PRIDE Decolonize, Eurocentric, Proud, Resistance, Intersectionality, Diversity

Health Choice Arizona Cultural Competency & Tribal Program invite you to attend the first HCA Pride Month presentation. Trudie Jackson be the first presenter. This presentation will cover areas from an Indigenous lens specifically from an Indigenous Transgender Women of Color reflections. Please see the flyer below for more information.



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Save the Date - 3rd Annual East Valley Regional School Counselor Symposium

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**SEPTEMBER
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Arizona's IDEA Conference

Due to the inability to ensure the safety of participants relative to COVID-19 and the variability of school re-entry plans, ADE/ESS has made the decision to cancel the in-person IDEA Conference in August 2020. The plan for this year was to provide a joint conference, combining the best professional development and spirit of the annual Transition Conference and Directors' Institute. However, we want to assure you that the brick and mortar IDEA Conference will be back in 2021 and we look forward to coming together with the special education community in Arizona to learn, connect, and share.

Even though the in-person IDEA Conference has been canceled for this year, we would still like to share content virtually throughout the 2020–2021 school year. We are currently working to develop a year-long schedule that encompasses state and local experts for both the secondary transition and special education director strands – and all sessions will be FREE for participants! We are anticipating a kickoff to the IDEA Virtual Conference year in late August – stay tuned for additional information!

We appreciate you all and look forward to the year ahead. As always, questions can be sent to the [IDEA Inbox](#).



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