

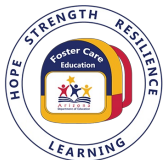
Unique Populations Newsletter

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

The VIRTUAL Practitioners of Unique Populations Meeting was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined us and a special thank you to Dr. Dominique Smith for inspiring us with his message and reminding us that “*sometimes you want to be where everybody knows your name*”.

As a reminder, our unit is now **Unique Populations** and includes **Foster Care Education, Homeless Education, Migrant Education**, and the **Office of English Language Acquisition Services**. We are here to support you and to ensure “Equity for all students to achieve their full potential”.

Click on a link below for program specific news from Unique Populations!



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WHAT'S NEW!

OELAS MINI-SERIES

These FREE virtual learning sessions are designed for classroom teachers, instructional coaches, and instructional leaders. This interactive professional learning series will build a strong foundation for practitioners as they navigate through Arizona's shifts in English Language Development, programming, and instruction. It is through the understanding of Arizona's Language Development Approach (LDA) and its 4 Principles, specifically Principle 1 and 4, that teachers will further develop the mindset and increased scope to be responsive and supportive to the needs of our English learners. As this is a series of 3 sessions, it is recommended that participants begin with an Overview of the LDA (*or have previously attended an LDA Overview training provided by OELAS*) before registering for the Principle 1 and 4 sessions. Below are the dates and times, by session, in which the Mini-Series will be offered.

Details regarding registration will be coming soon from

DATES

TO

**CONSIDER AND
REMEMBER**

[Foster Care](#)

February 10, 2021

Southern AZ Regional Foster Care Ed. Cohort Meeting

February 17, 2021

Maricopa Regional Foster Care Ed. Cohort Meeting

February 26-27, 2021

*Next Chapter Symposium
(Resources for Aging-Out Youth in Foster Care)*

March 1, 2021

Foster Care School Stability Assurances Due in ALEAT

SESSION 1: Overview of Arizona's Language Development Approach

February 9, 2021 | 3:30 – 5:30pm | [Registration link](#)
February 12, 2021 | 9:00 – 11:00am | [Registration link](#)

SESSION 2: A Closer Look at Principle 1

February 16, 2021 | 3:30 – 5:30pm | [Registration link](#)
February 19, 2021 | 9:00 – 11:00am | [Registration link](#)

SESSION 3: A Closer Look at Principle 4

February 23, 2021 | 3:30 – 5:30pm | [Registration link](#)
February 26, 2021 | 9:00 – 11:00am | [Registration link](#)

NEW MEP & UP RESOURCES

The Arizona MEP Padlet has a new resource – a two-page flyer with basic information about the Arizona MEP, Arizona agriculture, and a QR code for the online referral tool.

Download the flyer from the Field-Based Recruiting column of [the Arizona MEP ID&R Padlet](#) and share it with agricultural employers, community agencies, and school staff.

In addition, there is [a new Padlet](#) for sharing basic information about the MEP and other Unique Populations (UP) and important documents related to serving UP students including those in foster care and students experiencing homelessness.

Contact [Merriam Massey](#), ID&R Coordinator, with questions regarding MEP ID&R and eligibility

Monitoring for the Foster Care Education Program Revamped

Monitoring for the Foster Care Education Program was revamped & simplified inside of ALEAT. A new instrument housed in ALEAT was created, titled, [Foster Care School Stability Assurances](#). LEAs participating in Cycle 4 of Title I monitoring will be also be required to upload their current foster care transportation plan to satisfy compliance in this new ALEAT instrument by March 1, 2021. Training, templates, and exemplar foster care transportation plans will be provided.



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Migrant Ed

February 2, 2021

Four CIG Webinar-Resources for all.

February 9, 2021

SMPAC

February 9, 2021

Monthly Arizona MEP Webinars

February 26, 2021

MEP Boot Camp

March 19, 2021

Virtual ASU MEP Day

OELAS

March 1, 2021

Title III & SEI Budget - Comprehensive Applications open in GME

March 1, 2021

Title III & SEI Budget Comprehensive Application open in GME

July 1, 2021

Targeted Director Approval Date all Title III & SEI Budget Applications

July 1, 2021

Reimbursements Open Director Approved FY22 Applications



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