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At CEC 2023 the focus will be on educators with a common goal: High-quality education that is inclusive and equitable for individuals with disabilities. As an administrator, you can drive educator and student success by attending CEC 2023.

I made connections with educators that I would have never been able to had it not been for the convention.

Good: Head to CEC 2023 yourself.

Did you know administrators have their own learning track during the convention? With dozens of sessions intended for administrators, including seven convention workshops addressing a variety of challenges you might be facing, there's lots of great content for you. And that doesn't even include all the informal learning and networking you can do—**over 20% of our attendees are fellow administrators.**

Better: Send your special education team.

there are over 300 sessions and workshops developed specifically for special educators to get the most current research, effective strategies, and active learning opportunities to improve their practice. You can all engage with and learn from leading special education experts and peers to help make your practice better. Whatever age groups or setting your team is working in, you can find the supports you need.

Best: Send your WHOLE team-general educators and paraeducators included!

There's not just content for special educators at the Convention, and supporting students with special education services takes a team. Learning together enables your whole team to have shared strategies, information and resources to work together effectively. Nearly 20% of our sessions are focused on practices **all educators in the building need** on topics like collaboration and inclusive practices, family and school partnerships, behavior management, and multi-tiered systems of supports.

And did you know that paraeducators can attend the convention in Louisville for free?!

This was the best conference I have ever attended. The sessions I selected were full of wonderful resources I could take back and share with building principals, special educators, and area education agency personnel for direct application. The entire experience was both positive and productive.

Programming

Design your own experience and earn up to 23 professional development hours (PDHs) by choosing from over 300 sessions covering a variety of topics, including:

Accountability Systems (IDEA/ESSA) for Children and Youth with Disabilities	Early Childhood and Early Intervention	Personnel Preparation
Administration/Supervision	Emotional and Behavioral Disorders	Physical/Health/Multiple Disabilities
Arts in Special Education	Gifted and Talented	Pioneers/Historical Perspectives
Assessment	International Programs/Services	Public Policy
Autism Spectrum Disorder / Intellectual Disabilities	Learning Disabilities	Research
Career Development/Transition	Maltreatment	Starting the Teaching Career
Collaboration and Inclusive Practices	Measuring Special Education Teacher Effectiveness	STEM
Communicative Disabilities and Deafness	Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)	Technology in Special Education and Early Interven- tion
Cultural and/or Linguistic Diversity	Parent/Family/School Partnerships	Visual Impairments and Deafblindness

Convention Workshops

Ready for a deeper dive? We're offering 21 half- and full-day convention workshops on our most requested topics. Some of our most popular workshops for administrators include:

- Developing Legally Defensible IEPs
- Teachers & Paraeducators Working Together: Roles & Rules!

Tier 2 and 3 Behavior Support: Developing Protocols and Implementation Plans

- Building Communities of Practice: Strengthening Induction Programs to Support the Needs of New Special Education Teachers
- School-Wide Implementation of Universal Design for Learning: A Learner Centered Design Approach
- Co-Teaching Tune-Up

Supporting Students with Challenging Behavior in Unstructured Settings Using Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

• Each workshop requires an additional registration fee.

Special Events

Content's not the only thing you'll find in Louisville. Meet and make connections with colleagues at social events, have lunch with a new friend, bounce ideas off experts in the field, and consider adding on a ticket for one of our special events:

- A ticket to the Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 2, celebrating the 2023 Awards Recipients
- A ticket for the Closing Party on Friday, March 3—will you win, place, or show?

Expo Hall & Technology Playground

Over 100 companies offering the latest in special education products and programs, graduate program opportunities, and some things just for fun will join the Expo Hall in Louisville! Find the solutions your students and teachers need with hands-on demonstrations and an opportunity to see products in action.

The Expo Hall is also home to the Technology Playground, an immersive experience where you can interact with vendors, educators, and students who will share current assistive and instructional technology that can support your students. From using apps and other products for lesson planning to using virtual reality for teacher training to using technology for math and reading, you can learn from real people using real tools for real teaching.

Registration Options

CEC 2023 offers a variety of registration options to fit anyone's budget. We want you to have access to the best professional development event of the year, in whatever way works for you.

Register early for the biggest savings! The Best Rate and Regular registration options offer great value, especially for CEC members: four days of training as low as \$100 a day!

Another money-saving option is our Single-day registration. The Kentucky International Convention Center will host all convention events including sessions, meetings, and the exhibit hall.

Visit https://cecconvention.org/registration for more information on registration options.

Add-Ons

You can customize your CEC experience even more by adding on any (or all!) of the following. Additional rates apply for these items.

- One (or two, or three) of our optional <u>Convention Workshops</u>
- A ticket to the Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 2
- A ticket for the <u>Closing Party</u> on Friday, March 3
- Access to the Virtual Convention (more on that below!) and Virtual Convention Workshops

Virtual Convention Registration

The virtual component of the 2023 CEC Convention & Expo will include more than 40 instructional hours of live and on-demand sessions selected from the in-person convention program. If you couldn't be in two places at once in Louisville, you'll have the chance to see some of the sessions you missed!

Here's what you get:

- Attend your choice(s) of live virtual sessions selected from the in-person program on April 26
- Access to more than 40 hours of curated on-demand content from the "best of the best" in-person convention sessions, accessible for 3 months
- Option to add on two-hour virtual convention workshops that will be presented live on April 25 (additional fees apply)
- Add the virtual convention to your Louisville registration and save an average of over 50% on your virtual registration!

Group Discounts

Did you know? Groups of 5+ save on each registration! Learn more on our group registration page.

Plus, paraeducators can attend the in-person convention in Louisville for free!

Discounts apply to in-person or virtual convention registration only. Discounts do not apply to special events or convention workshops.



Housing Information



CEC has negotiated great hotel rates in Louisville. <u>Housing is open</u> so book your room today! All of the hotels in the official CEC block are within walking distance of the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Hotel rooms start at just \$185 per night. All hotels are within walking distance of the Kentucky International Convention Center, so there's no need to worry about daily transportation.

Looking for further savings? Check out <u>room share possibilities</u> with fellow attendees.

Find all the hotel information and book online at <u>cecconvention.org/hotels</u>

About Louisville

Did you know Louisville has been named one of "America's Friendliest Cities", "America's Most Underrated Cities", "America's Favorite Cities Overall" by Travel + Leisure?

Check out <u>recommendations from our Local Ambassadors</u> on where to eat and what to see while you're in town, and learn how to pronounce "Louisville" the right way.

Looavul. Luhvul. Loueville. However you say it, it's bound to be a good time.





