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to achieve systems change"*

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IDEA Regulations Public

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Secretary Spellings have signed the proposed regulations to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004). The Department of Education has posted an unofficial copy on its Web site at www.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/idea2004.html. This link will also provide members of the public with the dates and locations for a series of public meetings where comments on the proposed regulations will be received by OSERS. Information on submitting written comments on the proposed regulations can also be found using that link.

The Fifth National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute

The [Fifth National Early Childhood Inclusion Institute](#) will be held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina from August 3-5, 2005. Participants in the Institute will learn about research findings and resources to guide inclusive policy and practice, develop better collaborative relationships and cross-agency systems to support early childhood inclusion, gain awareness of strategies and models to support inclusive services, and have the opportunity to meet, learn from, and problem solve with peers. Early registration is open until June 15th.

VI Teleconference Series

The NCRRC will be hosting the second call in its teleconference series focused on Highly Qualified VI and OM Teachers. This teleconference, [Highly Qualified Teachers & Recruitment, Training, Retention, and Professional Development: A National Perspective in Special Education](#) will be moderated by Donna McNear. Joanne Cashman, IDEA Partnership/Director, will provide a national perspective of issues and



trends regarding highly qualified teachers as it relates to recruitment, training, retention, and professional development in the field of special education. Glinda Hill, OSEP Education Program Specialist, will share information on the current status of teacher training in vision impairment from the Office of Special Education, Department of Education.

Extra Copies of the IDEA Implementation Planning Session Notebooks Available

The NCRRC has several extra copies of the IDEA Implementation Planning Session notebooks distributed to participants that attended the Atlanta meeting. This notebook contains the IDEA slip law, application packets for Parts B and C and OSEP one-pagers describing various aspects of the reauthorized IDEA. These notebooks are being made available to Region 4 states on a per request basis. Please e-mail [Sue McColley](mailto:SueMcColley@umn.edu) with your mailing address to indicate your interest in obtaining extra copies of the notebook for your state.

Sharing Information about Tools, Products, and Training Resources in Region 4

If you have developed tools, products, and training resources that might inform other Region 4 states about critical or cross-cutting issues of the day, please forward this information to the NCRRC. NCRRC would like to include this information in its bi-weekly E-News, Please send a brief description of the tool, product, or training resource, including contact information to ncrrc@umn.edu. This is a great way to share information on exciting things happening in your state to improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.