

## The ICEC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Series

**January 15-December 15, 2024**

The Illinois Council for Exceptional Children will honor the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC). Virtual presentations on Zoom by ICEC leaders will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month during 2024. A Zoom link will be available on the ICEC website [www.illinoiscec.net](http://www.illinoiscec.net) under the events tab and no preregistration is required. Each event will take place from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or when necessary on Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Central Time) or at a preferred time that accommodates our speakers' schedules. Presentation titles and times may change upon a speaker's request. Send your questions and comments to [epcowl@ilstu.edu](mailto:epcowl@ilstu.edu) see details below, and mark your calendar today:

	<b>Central Time/Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Presentation Titles</b>
1.	7:00-8:00 p.m., Monday, January 15, 2024	Dr. David C. Coker, Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center	<b><i>Moving Forward in ICEC: How and Why We Grow Our Professional Networks</i></b> Through embracing our successes and challenges, we can discover new paths, and an important way is through networking with a specific focus on PBIS.
2.	7:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024	Dr. Karen Dudek-Brannan, Ed.D., M.S. CCC-SLP	<b><i>Social Media is Here to Stay: Here's What School Leaders Need to Know About It</i></b> Today, school leaders, including educators and administrators are concerned about the overexposure of all students' to social media. Social media is here to stay and school leaders must learn how to address related issues in school settings.
3.	10:00-11:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, 2024	Dr. Meg Carroll, St. Xavier University	<b><i>Accommodating, Aiding and Affirming Students with ADD/ADHD</i></b> Practical presentation on accommodations for students with ADD/ADHD.
4.	7:00-8:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2024	Panel: Leaders of Illinois Division of Career Development and Transition (IDCDT)	<b><i>Personalized Transition Planning for Successful Futures of Students with Disabilities</i></b> Transition planning is a life-long process and begins when students with disabilities begin school. This session will explore students' transitions to successful futures.

5.	1:00-2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Bev Johns, Learning and Behavior Consultant, ILCCBD/IEBH	<b><i>Seventy-Five Lessons We Have Learned About Behavior Over the Years</i></b> Behaviors of children have changed over the years. How have children changed and what have we learned about what can we do, how our behavior has had to change toward them, and positive behavioral interventions that we have learned that work.
6.	9:00-10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2024	Dr. Gloria McDaniel-Hall, & Dr. Jamillah Gilbert, National Louis University	<b><i>Parental Involvement in Special Education Processes</i></b> This presentation will explore what parents can do to maximize their successful engagement with special education processes in order to advocate for their children's individualized educational needs.
7.	10:00-11:00 a.m., Monday, July 15, 2024	April Anderson Zorn, University Archivist, Illinois State University	<b><i>Field Trip: Visit the ICEC Archives at Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University, Normal, IL</i></b> Meet April Anderson-Zorn, ISU Archivist, at the ISU Archives and learn about the work of an archivist as well as explore the holdings at the Rayfield Archives. Learn how the work we do today is relevant from an historical perspective.
8.	Double Session : 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2024 Double Session	Adriana Schmidt, M.A., BCBA, Easterseals and Northern Illinois University, Dr. Jessica Zanton, Eastern Illinois University and Dr. Louise Yoho, Southern Illinois University	<b><i>Developing Positive Learning Environments for Students with Autism</i></b> Participants will learn about the importance of structure, routines, and motivation when building positive learning environments for students with autism.  <b><i>Therapeutic Behavioral Interventions for Students with Autism and Developmental Disabilities</i></b> Participants will learn about specific interventions that address therapeutic behavior management for students with autism and developmental disabilities.
9.	9:00-10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 2024	Chanita Jones, Director of Academic Support Services, Horizons for Youth Chicago	<b><i>Empowered Partnerships: Cultivating Effective Collaboration with Diverse Caregivers</i></b> This presentation provides practical strategies based on the real-world experiences of a variety of caregivers. These strategies will assist participants in improving their collaboration with caregivers who come from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds within their educational communities.
10.	7:00-8:00 p.m.,	Kara Kennedy, Doctoral	<b><i>Using the Science of Reading to Develop Literacy Among Students with Disabilities Across Disciplines</i></b>

	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Candidate, Northern Illinois University	Using the science of reading, special educators develop individualized learning strategies that enhance literacy among children with children with disabilities.
11.	3:00-4:00 p.m., Friday, November 15, 2024	The Convention Planning Team	<b><i>Highlighting the Take-Aways from the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual ICEC Fall Convention, 2024</i></b> Here is your chance to catch up with the presenters and presentations you missed during the 75 <sup>th</sup> Annual ICEC Convention. In this session, members of the ICEC program committee will present the highlights and takeaways of this year's Convention.
12.	10:00-11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 14, 2024	Cody Pullium, ICEC President Elect and Assistant Principal, Parkside Junior High, Normal	<b><i>My Professional Journey in Special Education Thus Far</i></b> Cody Pullium began his career in Morton, IL as a special educator teacher assistant. He received his doctoral degree in May from Loyola University, Chicago and will share his journey as he prepares to become the President of ICEC, January 1, 2025.