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BIE Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

National Indian Programs Training Center (NIPTC),
 1011 Indian School Rd NW Ste 254, Room 234, Albuquerque, NM 87104
 In-Person & Online Meeting | January 16-17, 2025 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (MST)

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To meet the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) for Indian children with disabilities. To provide board members and the public, with information about various special education issues to improve special education and related services for children with disabilities within the BIE school system. The BIE advisory panel provides policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Public Law 108- 446 IDEA, Part B, Sec. 611(a)(6); Sec. 612(a)(21)(A); and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public is encouraged to provide recommendations to improve special education and related services for students with disabilities within the BIE school system. Comments can be sent to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO): Email: Jennifer.davis@bie.edu or U.S. Postal/Delivered to: Bureau of Indian Education, Attention: Jennifer Davis, DFO, 2600 N. Central Ave., Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004. During the board meeting verbal comments can be made during public comment sessions, and written comments can be provided in the chat box.

MEETING REGISTRATION

This meeting is open to the public and can be accessed online. The Mountain Standard Time zone (MST) will be used for this entire meeting. The BIE Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025, and FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025**, each meeting starts at 8:00 AM and ends at 4:30 PM (MST). Registration is required. Click on the link below to register in advance for this Zoom.Gov meeting:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltfumuzMvElVjV-NKlxRF77kIX1hDKI>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Register once to attend either meeting date.

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8:00 - 8:15 AM **Roll Call, New Business, Old Business**

8:15 - 9:30 AM **Early Childhood Transition (IDEA - Part C)**

- **BIE Sovereignty in Indian Education Office/Early Childhood Programs, Family and Child Education (FACE)**
 - Klarissa Jensen, Eastern Region Early Childhood Education Director
- **Cherokee Elementary School, Cherokee, NC**
 - Michele Galloway, Pre-K Teacher & Hope Center Director

Presenter Questions:

1. Please provide information on coordination of Part C services and transition to Part B.
2. How are the tribes providing those services?
3. What are the current challenges in the birth to early childhood transition?

9:30 - 10:30 AM **Panel Discussion: Secondary Transition**

- **Little Wound School, Kyle, South Dakota**
 - Norma Brown Bull, Special Education Director
 - Justina One Horn, Transition Specialist
 - Jennifer Young Bull Bear, Social Worker
 - Tina Two Crow, Student Assistant



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Panel Discussion: Secondary Transition | Little Wound School

1. What transition supports do you provide for high school students with various disabilities to help them meet their post-secondary goals?
2. What outside agencies have you developed relationships with and how have they provided resources/services for your children?
3. What success stories do you have to share in secondary transition programming?
4. Do you have anything to share regarding conservatorship?

10:30 – 10:45 AM

BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 AM

Panel Discussion: Behavioral Challenges

- **Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee, North Carolina**
 - Mariah Crow, Student Success Advocate
- **Little Wound School, Kyle, South Dakota**
 - Norma Brown Bull, Special Education Director
 - Migan Inez, Instructional Service Director
 - Kiva Sam, School Psychologist
- **Turtle Mountain Community High School, Belcourt, North Dakota**
 - Danielle Sloan, Special Education Director
 - Bradley LaRocque, Principal

Presenter Questions:

1. Have you noticed an increase in students with challenging behaviors? If so, why?
 - a. What would support and training for the educational and support staff to address an influx of students with challenging behaviors look like?
 - b. How can the Associate Deputy Director (ADD), Education Program Administrators (EPA), Education Resource Centers (ERCs), and Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA) and the schools work together to address the influx of students with behavior challenges?



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(Continuation) Panel Discussion: Behavioral Challenges

2. What behavioral strategies work well to address challenging behaviors?
3. What are your current challenges when trying to replace inappropriate behaviors with all students?

11:45 - 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Advisory Board Work Session

- Work on new priorities.
- Review board members whose terms will end in 2025; on day-2 of the board meeting vote on a new vice-chair.
- Work on next meeting logistics, complete draft agenda, identify presenters with presenter questions.
- Break time: 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM (15 minutes)

4:00 PM **Recess**



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Roll Call

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BIE Behavioral Health & Wellness Program

- Teresia Paul, Student Health Program Specialist, Central Office, BIE Lead, Behavioral Health and Wellness Program
- Crystal Becenti, Student Behavioral Health Program Specialist – ADD Navajo
- Leslie Crow, Student Behavioral Health Program Specialist - ADD BOS

PRESENTER QUESTIONS:

1. General program overview and changes
2. Specific Strategies for Educators and School Personnel (Emphasis on Residential)
 - a) Information about physical altercations with students
 - b) Crisis intervention during instructional time

9:45 - 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 - 11:45 AM

Division of Performance and Accountability (DPA)/BIE Special Education Program | Dr. Eugene Thompson, Supervisory Education Specialist and Ronald Worst, Education Program Specialist

PRESENTER QUESTIONS:

1. Special Education Updates: Including the FFY 2023 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) data
2. Provide an update on the BIE Special Education Transition data



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1:00 - 4:00 PM **Advisory Board Work Session**

- The Board to elect a new vice-chairperson
- Work on new priorities.
- Finalize next meeting logistics, complete draft agenda, identify presenters with presenter questions.
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