



ASEC Alert!

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Welcome Back!!!

MA Eligible Students- Now that school is back in session we need you to review all your students who are receiving one on one para services to determine MA eligibility. If para services are not primarily for academic support they may be an MA billable service. *These are critical dollars for your district programs.* Often times case managers think of the need for para support in academic terms however at times, the underlying reason for the need for a para is because of short attention span or other behavioral reasons. If it is properly identified in the IEP as redirection of the behavior in order to be successful academically and if the student is MA eligible, the district will be able to receive additional dollars to support special education needs. EBD students with a one on one para are obvious examples of students who would be MA billable if eligible. If you do not know if your student is MA eligible please contact Peggy at our office. By emailing pgilbertson@asec.net your student's name and birth date, she will be able to tell you if the student is eligible.

School nurses may also be providing MA billable service. If your student had a significant health or med. administration issue, these services may be billable. Please contact Gary, Colleen or Julie to talk through whether a billable service is being provided.

Fall Teacher In-Service- Mark your calendar for the Fall Teacher in-service. There will be two sessions and you may attend either one. The dates are Oct 30 and 31 with time and location to be announced at a later time. The main focus of this in-service is on using existing data for writing goals and documenting progress.

New Para In-Service- ASEC will not be doing a new special education para inservice. We will be providing the supervising special education teacher with the "ASEC Para Handbook" and ask that the teacher go over the handbook with the new paras. This was a decision made by the co - op Superintendents. Having you go over the handbook with your new para provides a great opportunity for you to establish the procedures and expectations that fit your specific district and program. If you have new paras and need a copy of the Handbook please contact Becky at bconati@asec.net . The material in the handbook contains the "knowledge" competencies that all new paras must have within the first 60 days of employment. If you have any questions, please contact Gary, Colleen or Julie.

SpEd Web - Remember to change case management on those students that are transitioning to new case managers. If you are the receiving case manager please go into "Student Sharing" and delete access for the previous case manager so those

students don't show up on their list. If you have new teachers that need to be added to SpEd Web call or e-mail Dave Campbell at dcampbel@asec.net at the EGF office.

New Teacher In-Service- There are a lot of new teachers in the coop this year. We will be holding our new teacher in-service on Wednesday Sept 13th from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Senior High Center (green and white building-NOT the Senior High building) in the ASEC offices. Please alert any new teachers about this training. FYI-If the new person has worked in another ASEC district they would not need to attend, however any experienced teachers from other districts should attend so they are updated on ASEC policies and practices.