



Joint DCYF & OSPI IDEA 45th Anniversary Celebration Webinar

Celebrating 45 Years of Special Education

DCYF and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) are pleased to join together to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA is the nation's federal special education law that ensures public schools and state agencies provide all children with disabilities with the services they need to thrive in school and beyond.

This hallmark legislation significantly changed the educational trajectory for all children with disabilities. IDEA ensures that all children – regardless of ability – have equitable opportunities to grow, play and learn in inclusive settings.

Virtual Celebration

Join DCYF and OSPI on Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 3-4 p.m. for a virtual celebration of Washington State's journey over the last 45 years of providing education, resources, supports and services to infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities and their families.

The webinar will feature state, regional and local panelists to informally stroll down memory lane and reflect on successes, challenges and potential next steps needed to continuously improve systems to support increases in child, youth and family outcomes.

Dec. 16 | 3 - 4 p.m.

[Register here for the virtual celebration](#)

[Read the full media release](#)

If you have questions about the webinar, please email [Sue Rose](#), ESIT Stakeholder Engagement Manager.