



February 2026 ORSPN UPDATES

Hello ORSPN CoP!

Here are some updates that may be of interest to you. Please share this information with your school team members.

2025 ORSPN Q&As—Preschool Students

Many of the questions submitted during the ORSPN regional meetings pertained to preschool. At long last, here are the Q&As (Part 2) which focus on practice questions for preschool. Following my initial responses, I worked with the DCY Preschool Special Education Team over the past several months to make sure the questions and responses were accurate, clear, and as comprehensive as possible. You can find this Q&A paper here: <https://www.orspn.net/faq>. Scroll down to 2025 Q&A Part 2 live link to see this resource.

If you have additional questions or need further clarification, email the Preschool Special Education Team at preschoolspecialeducation@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov

Checkout this Preschool resource:

Workload/caseload Guidance for Preschool Special Education

https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/v1763571124/childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/Tuesday%20Times/2025/Spec_Ed_Workload-Caseload_Guidance.pdf

Autism Scholarship Virtual Meetup SAVE THE DATE March 19th

Join fellow RSPs for a virtual Brown Bag Lunch Meetup to learn about the Autism Scholarship, including the District and Provider Responsibilities and IEP Process.

This virtual meet up is scheduled for 11:00 to 12:00.

Olivia Schmidt, Policy and Improvement Coordinator, Office of Nonpublic Educational Options, DEW will be sharing information and resources to support your daily practices.

A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out soon so watch your email inbox for more details. Mark your calendars today!

Resources to check out

- **See the most recent email update, Info Share from Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD).**

<https://app.smore.com/n/5yvg4-ocecd-info-share?ref=email>

- **You will find information about registering for free virtual conferences:**

- o **Understanding Graduation Pathways and Student Participation in Transition Planning, March 4, 2026, 6:00PM to 7:15PM**

- o **Early Intervention And Preschool Special Education Conference: Parents and Professionals Together, March 26, 2026, 9:00AM - 2:00PM**

- **Check out the most recent OCDBE Update (The Ohio Center for DeafBlind Education) <https://app.smore.com/n/5y94jd-ocdbe-updates-2-9-26?ref=email>**

- **You will see information about an upcoming PD opportunities**

- o **Save the Date: In-Person Professional Development – August 2026 in the Columbus area focused on instructional strategies for students who are deafblind, with an emphasis on CHARGE syndrome.**

- o **Assistive Technology Consideration Series: Beyond the Checkbox from OCALI. March 11, 2026 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. The next session (virtual), Documenting in the IEP. There is no cost for these sessions.**

- o **Virtual Early Childhood Transition Summit Series from OCALI**

A three-part virtual summit series to focus on strengthening transitions for young children and their families. There is no cost to join the sessions. All sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and last 90 minutes.

- ♣ **March 13 — Terminology, Eligibility, Program Planning**

- ♣ **April 17 — Service Provision Essentials**

- ♣ **May 8 — Teaming & Collaboration**

To receive these updates directly, please visit these organization’s websites to subscribe.

A NEW FAQ

RSPs have more questions about MTSS! See the Q&A regarding evaluation requirements for tiered interventions. Here is the link to the ORSPN Resources tab:

<https://www.orspn.net/orspn-resources/>. Scroll and click on OT Evaluation requirements for Tiered Intervention February 2026.

Also refer to the ORSPN Resources tab for more MTSS information sent within the last few months

- o [PT Section Guidance on Tiered Interventions October 28, 2025](#)
- o [Overview of MTSS and Related Service Personnel \(Dec 2, 2025\)](#)

ORSPN Website REMINDER: Check out the ORSPN Job Board

<https://www.orspn.net/job-postings/>

If you have any job openings or are seeking a job for the coming school year, please send them to me at bmgeorge@gmail.com. Postings are free and remain on the website for 60 days.

Thank you for all of the hard work you continue to do to support the learning and independence for all students. Spring is around the corner!

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