



WASA SPECIAL  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR  
ACADEMY

# **Welcome to Session #7 of Special Education Director Academy 2024-2025**

**We're glad you are here!**





# Welcome



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# Check In

Large group check in

- It is MAY! How have you been prioritizing your well-being this month?



# Agenda



8:30-8:40- Check in

8:40-8:45- New Resource from WASA- Shawn Batstone

8:45-9:35 Dr. Angela Balsley Engaging with Enduring Conflict:  
The Work of Adaptive Leaders in Special Education

9:35-10:00 Staffing Models Discussions



# Materials

Materials can be accessed  
on  
WASA Special Education  
Director Academy



# WASA Resource Guide For Special Education Leaders



## RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERS

*The WASA Special Education Component Group has developed this resource to serve as a guide for Special Education Leaders across Washington State. This resource is designed to connect leaders with key organizations and agencies that provide support, tools, and expertise to enhance special education services. Together, these resources aim to provide leaders with the connections and information needed to support students, staff, and families effectively.*

### STATE AGENCY



Washington Office of Superintendent of  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The OSPI Special Education Department ensures FAPE for students with disabilities, offering guidance, resources, and support to districts, focusing on IDEA compliance, policy, monitoring, dispute resolution, data, and professional development. Email: [speced@k12.wa.us](mailto:speced@k12.wa.us) | Phone: 360.725.6075



IPTN collaborates with OSPI, WestEd, and partners to provide guidance, training, and support to reduce exclusionary practices and improve student outcomes. Email: [iptn@k12.wa.us](mailto:iptn@k12.wa.us)

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS (ESDs)

ESDs are a primary point of contact and support for special education directors, offering technical assistance and aligning their efforts with Washington State priorities.

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### ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Numerous state and nonprofit organizations across Washington provide critical support, tools, and expertise to elevate special education services. These partners offer leadership, technical assistance, professional development, dispute resolution, advocacy, and family engagement resources. To explore the full list of organizations and their offerings, scan the QR code provided.



# Engaging with Enduring Conflict: The Work of Adaptive Leaders in Special Education

Dr. Angela Balsley

# Staffing Models/Procedures

Sharing from districts and time for discussion



# Small Group Time-10 minutes

Introduce yourself: Name, Role and Location

Small group discussion about today's topic:

1. What do you see as your next steps from today's learning?
2. Was there a resource that was shared today that you would like to dive into?  
Receive more information/learning about?
3. Share your staffing model process/questions



# Upcoming Sessions and Due Dates

## WASA SPEDA

- May 29- Patrick Mulick- Promoting Independence and Reducing the Reliance on 1:1 Paraeducators

Due Dates:

May 9<sup>th</sup> -Safety Net

Integrated MTSS conference July 30-August 1 in Wenatchee



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thank you

