

CONFUSED TO CONNECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Professional Development Title & Objective

From Confused to Connected: How special education high school and transition teachers can confidently support students (and families) in accessing government benefits and adult services/supports.

This professional development will increase your understanding of available benefits for high school and transition age students with developmental and intellectual disabilities, provide you with the knowledge to connect your students with the right benefits, and give you the know-how to build trusting relationships with families as you work to access benefits alongside them.

Hours, Registration, & Cost

4 week- 10 lessons in 4 modules, plus application- 10 hours

Cost: \$200 (1 time payment)

Register: aloveforspeciallearning.com/pd

Format

Pre-recorded lessons with PDF supports, including tips, checklist, benefits grid, benefit tracking template, scripts, and more. Focus Student of participant's choice- With a specific student in mind the PD participant will be able to focus their learning, walk through the process with an actual family, and form a meaningful connection because the content is relevant to a real life family.

End Result

1. Have a stronger understanding of benefits, who is right for which benefit, and knowledge of how to access and apply for those benefits.
2. Have a network of connections and go-to websites and organizations for learning the most up-to-date information.
3. Have strategies to effectively inform and empower families and methods for increasing follow through.

Instructor

Heather is the teacher-author behind A Love for Special Learning website, blog, Instagram, Facebook, and TeachersPayTeachers store. As a veteran Special Education teacher, with the majority of her experience in transition, she has found her niche in helping students and families access and apply for government benefits as a Transition Facilitator. Families in her program trust her guidance and appreciate her support through the benefit learning and application process.