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**Building Inclusive Communities in Early Childhood**

**March 15, 2019 (Snow date of April 23rd)**

**Devens Common Center, Devens, MA**

**9:00-3:30**

**Check in begins at 8:30**

**Registration link:** [**https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4810622/March-15-2019-Conference**](https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4810622/March-15-2019-Conference)

***The Departments of Early Education and Care (EEC) and Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) invite:***

## Special Education Directors, Early Childhood Coordinators, Elementary Principals, Teachers, Early Care and Education Directors, Head Start Disabilities/Education Coordinators, Family Services Coordinators, PEG Coordinators, Early Intervention Directors and Community Partners

##  Join us to:

* Hear from 10 Massachusetts school and community teams about their successes and challenges in implementing recommended practices in early childhood inclusive education.
* Learn with Dr. Richard Villa and Dr. Jacqueline Thousand about a decision-making process for determining where, when, and how to address IEP goals for young children with intensive and pervasive support needs. Understanding of the time-tested process provides participants with a communication tool and a blueprint for collaboratively creating meaningful inclusive opportunities for young children in home, school, early care, and other community settings.
* Preview chapters from Drs. Villa and Thousand’s upcoming book on inclusive approaches in educating young children in inclusive early education settings.

 **Outcomes of the Building Inclusive Community (BIC) Initiative:**

* Develop or refine an action plan that describes how your community team will create strong partnerships with community partners to strengthen inclusive early childhood practices.
* Receive strategies for engaging families and providers in collaborative decision-making.
* Receive strategies, resources, and tools for developing appropriate practices for promoting inclusive experiences.

## There is no cost to attend this conference or to participate in this initiative.

**PDPs will be available to participants that attend the entire conference.**

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