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to help drive results for students with disabilities

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the spring edition of NCSI's *Networker*!

In this issue, we are highlighting two of NCSI's podcasts. Podcasts are not just a good means of entertainment - they provide a flexible way to learn about relevant content. Listening to a podcast is a great activity for when you are commuting to and from work, enjoying a break outside, or when you find free time during the day. NCSI has created two podcasts series that feature voices from the field: **General Soup** and **Schools on the Move**.

Read on to find episode details and links to subscribe and listen through your preferred streaming service. Also, later this spring NCSI is launching a new podcast series that will be highlighting the intersectionality of English Language Learners with disabilities. Please be on the lookout for more information on this series!

Featured Resources



General Soup Episode 3: "Mailbag!"

In the *General Soup* podcast, NCSI dives into the world of state special education accountability and support systems. Our hosts, Susan Hayes and Sara Doutre (NCSI), talk with state special education staff about successes and challenges in the development, implementation, and evaluation of results-based accountability and support systems. They share resources to help states move toward improving outcomes for students with disabilities...and sometimes drop a few jokes about soup!

[Episode 3 is the first ever mailbag episode!](#)

**"The most efficient systems we see
really provide proactive supports."
– Susan Hayes (Host)**

In this episode, Susan and Sara respond to general supervision questions from our listeners, including the following:

- What does an effective and efficient monitoring system look like?
- What is the intent of OSEP Memo 09-02, and what are examples of effective implementation of the requirements to verify correction of noncompliance?
- What is RDA, and why are some states embracing a results orientation to their general supervision system?

Susan and Sara also share [related NCSI resources](#) to support states in designing and implementing general supervision systems that improve outcomes for students with disabilities while ensuring compliance with IDEA. If you listen to the whole episode, you will also learn two exciting new soup recipes!

Be sure to also listen to all of [General Soup's previous episodes](#), “Measuring Educational Benefit” and “Developing a Recipe for Systems Improvement in South Carolina,” on PodBean.

“General Soup” can also be found on your favorite streaming service providers!



Schools on the Move Episode 3 & 4

Brought to you by NCSI and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, the *Schools on the Move* podcast highlights innovative and promising school practices across the country that enhance outcomes for students with disabilities and create teaching and learning opportunities for educators. Join your hosts, Jana Rosborough and Kevin Macpherson (NCSI), along with guest hosts Dr. Heather Gomez and Dr. Annie Sharp from Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as they “move” across the country to speak with experts in the field highlighting a new school in a different state with each episode.

“I’m going to look at those students in special education with disabilities, because they oftentimes are a marker to the overall health of the system.”

– Zach Smith (UDL Expert)

Episode 3: “Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Improving Outcomes for Students With Disabilities”

Our hosts visit Austin, Texas, to speak with Universal Design expert Zach Smith. This episode focuses on UDL by discussing how to create inclusive, flexible, culturally responsive classrooms and improve outcomes for students with disabilities. [Find out more about episode 3 and listen on NCSI's website.](#)

“Leadership is not a position, it’s an activity. All educators have the power to affect change. We just have to give ourselves permission and remind ourselves that it’s okay to not always agree when we are all walking towards the same purpose.”

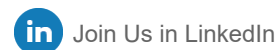
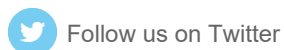
– Tabatha Rosproy (2020 Teacher of the Year)

Episode 4: “Innovation in Education - Why for Students with Disabilities and All Students?”

[In episode 4 of Schools on the Move](#), Jana and Kevin speak with 2020 National Teacher of the Year, Tabatha Rosproy, to discuss her leadership, innovation, and impact as an early childhood educator. As the first preschool educator named as the National Teacher of the Year, Rosproy is recognized not only for her ability to effectively instruct but also her ability to capitalize on community connection through her establishment of a preK located within a senior living facility. It’s a fantastic, hopeful, and inspiring conversation.

[All previous and current episodes of Schools on The Move can be found on Podbean.](#)

And be sure to find us “*Schools on the Move*” on your favorite streaming service provider and subscribe!



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