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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors/Coordinators, Exceptional Children Programs

FROM: William J. Hussey, Director   
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Carol Ann M. Hudgens, Section Chief *cah*  
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RE: *Guiding Practices August 2008*

The *Guiding Practices August 2008*, currently posted on the EC Division website, will be removed on or before February 1, 2017.

In the years since publication, the *Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities* was amended in 2013, 2014 and 2016. Therefore, the *Guiding Practices of August 2008* is no longer considered current by the EC Division.

Additionally, there have been a number of *Dear Colleague* letters, *FAQs*, and *Fact Sheets* issued from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and Rehabilitative Services and Office for Civil Rights that require a review and revision to this valuable resource. The finalization of the state's plan for the implementation of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* will also need to be considered.

It is our plan to conduct these activities in conjunction with the exceptional children process training, currently in development, to support the transition to the new exceptional children forms and data management system.

Your patience is appreciated during this period of revision. Additional information regarding the release of this resource or series of resources will be communicated as details become available.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact:

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