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**Council for Exceptional Children Partners with  
Indiana IEP Resource Center for CEC 2019 Convention & Expo**  
*CEC and IEPRC will host thousands of special educators for the world's largest special education  
professional development event in Indianapolis.*

**Arlington, Va., May 8, 2018** – The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the Indiana IEP Resource Center (IEPRC) have partnered together to host the CEC 2019 Convention and Expo in Indianapolis. Through their individual missions, both organizations work to ensure that educators are appropriately prepared with the knowledge, tools, and resources they need to advance the success of children and youth with exceptionalities.

Partnering will allow CEC and IEPRC to reach a broader audience making high-quality professional development more accessible to all educators. “We are excited about the opportunity to partner with CEC, an international professional organization that shares a similar mission and set of beliefs. The CEC 2019 Convention and Expo provides professional learning to all educators improving student outcomes,” explained Jolly Piersall, IEPRC director.

CEC 2019 will host 4,000 educators from around the globe, where they will gain insights and explore solutions to the most important and challenging topics facing education today. During the event, attendees will have access to over 500 sessions and workshops highlighting the latest research and strategies in education and the policy developments that affect teachers and their work every day. IEPRC will also present an additional workshop titled *Building a Solid Foundation for Inclusive Practices: Improving Outcomes for All Students* and host the Networking Roundtables to engage educators in conversation pertinent to their practice. “It is our expectation that educators leave CEC 2019 feeling inspired and refreshed with an expanded toolkit and a sense of optimism for their work,” said Piersall.

All teachers and education professionals are invited to join the CEC community during its 97th Annual Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Jan. 29–Feb. 2, 2019.

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The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is the professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the educational success of children and youth with exceptionalities that accomplishes its mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development. Learn more about CEC at [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org).

The Indiana IEP Resource Center (IEPRC) provides technical assistance and professional learning opportunities to increase knowledge, skills, and capacity of Indiana educators to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. The IEPRC promotes inclusive education with a belief in shared responsibility and equitable access to a strong core curriculum with high quality instruction benefitting all students. Learn more about IEPRC at [www.indianaieprc.org](http://www.indianaieprc.org).