



I wanted to take the opportunity to share information about a new resource, the PROGRESS Center, of which CCSSO is a proud partner.

The PROGRESS Center (which stands for Promoting Rigorous Outcomes and Growth by Redesigning Educational Services for Students with Disabilities) aims to promote progress for students with disabilities by supporting local entities including public, charter, and private schools in developing and implementing high-quality educational programs that enable students with disabilities to make progress and meet challenging goals, consistent with the 2017 *Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District* decision by the United States Supreme Court.

The PROGRESS Center, funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, is housed at the American Institutes for Research (AIR). AIR is partnering with National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD), Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), Evergreen Evaluation and Consulting (EEC), and a group of distinguished center advisors to support the Center's work. Together the team brings extensive expertise in evidence-based practices, special education law and policy, and engaging educators, families, and leaders to develop and implement high-quality educational programs for students with disabilities.

The Center will build knowledge about what it takes to develop and implement these programs by:

- Exploring what is known from research, policy, and law;
- Gathering information from stakeholders including families and young adults with disabilities;
- Sharing strategies from schools that are showing success with improving outcomes for students with disabilities;
- Working collaboratively with stakeholders to address challenges through annual thought leader meetings.

In addition, the Center will provide freely available information, resources, tools, and technical assistance services through universal technical assistance and partner with a select group of local educators through intensive technical assistance.

To learn more about the Center, staff, and activities watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uK3ha3WI0bg&feature=youtu.be>

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