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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR COLLEAGUES,  
ANOTHER YEAR HAS COME AND GONE AND I FEEL LIKE WE ARE ON A GREAT PATH IN THE STATE OF NEVADA WITH REGARD TO TRANSITION. THE SUCCESS OF THE DCDT CONFERENCE IN RENO IS FAR REACHING AND AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEW YEAR, WE HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL HELP US KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING IN OUR ONGOING EFFORT TO IMPROVE TRANSITION THROUGHOUT OUR STATE.

I WANTED TO PERSONALLY TAKE THE TIME TO THANK NOT ONLY OUR NVDCDT TEAM THAT WORKED TIRELESSLY SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN OUR EFFORT TO BRING THE CONFERENCE HERE BUT THE NEVADA STATE DEPARTMENT OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORTS. IT WAS TRULY A TEAM EFFORT AND THE END RESULT WAS PHENOMENAL. THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED AND JOINED IN SUPPORTING NVDCDT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE FUTURE. DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AS WE CONTINUE TO ADD AND IMPROVE IT: NVDCDT.

LEIGHANN HILL, PRESIDENT NVDCDT  
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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FORMING AN ALLIANCE?

THE GROUNDWORK IS BEING LAID TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE TO FOCUS ON TRANSITION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL TRANSITION SERVICES AND POSTSECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THIS GROUP. WE NEED EXPERTISE FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO ENSURE WE DEVELOP INFORMATION AND SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT ALL NEVADA STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL COMMUNITIES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE ALLIANCE, PLEASE EMAIL **JESSICA KEEFHAVER AT [JKEEFHAVER@UNR.EDU](mailto:JKEEFHAVER@UNR.EDU)** TO HAVE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION ADDED TO THE LIST. DETAILS ABOUT MEETING DATES AND MODALITY WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FUTURE AS THEY ARE DETERMINED.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



NV DCDT  
MEETING



**CEC 2024**  SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CONVENTION & EXPO  
SAN ANTONIO

SOCIAL  
MEDIA



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## RESOURCES

[CEC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT](#)

[I'M DETERMINED](#)

[IRIS CENTER](#)

### [Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

Contact your local VR Counselor today to see what programs are available for your students:

*CRAVE Camp*

*PrEts*

*Paid Summer Internships*

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HONOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR FIELD?

The Nevada Division on Career Development and Transition (NV-DCDT) is accepting nominations for awards given to people who have made outstanding contributions in the field of secondary education and transition for students with disabilities. Each candidate must be a member in good standing of NV-DCDT at the time of the nomination. Deadline for nominations is September 30th, 2024. For more details on awards, rating sheets, and the nomination process can be found on our [website](#). Any questions about the nomination process can be emailed to LeighAnn Hill ([lhill@ecsdnv.net](mailto:lhill@ecsdnv.net))

## NV DCDT COMMITTEES

**PUBLICITY AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**, CHAIRED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES: MAINTAINS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP; ACTIVELY RECRUITS MEMBERS; ACTIVELY PROMOTES MEMBERSHIP; DEVELOPS AND MAINTAINS PUBLICITY MATERIALS. WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES: PUBLISH NEWSLETTERS, MAINTAIN WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.  
CONTACT LAUREL  
[[LAURELWINCHESTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAURELWINCHESTER@GMAIL.COM)]

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE** SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES: DEVELOP A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, DISSEMINATE INFORMATION BOTH NATIONALLY AND STATEWIDE, PROVIDE ADVOCACY TRAINING AND REVIEW AND UPDATE MISSION STATEMENTS AND BY-LAWS BI-ANNUALLY. CONTACT JESSICA  
[[JKEEFHAVER@UNR.EDU](mailto:JKEEFHAVER@UNR.EDU)]

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**, CHAIRED BY THE TREASURER SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES: MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE SUBDIVISION AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE FINANCIAL RECORDS.  
CONTACT: SARA  
[[MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM](mailto:MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM)]

**PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE** SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES: DEVELOP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND TRANSITION ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTITIONERS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.  
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JOIN A COMMITTEE



# Newsletter

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## SARA MCGOWAN ELECTED AT-LARGE MEMBER (PRACTITIONER) ON DCDT BOARD

I AM THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT I, SARA MCGOWAN, HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER [PRACTITIONER] ON THE DCDT BOARD FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. IT IS BOTH AN HONOR TO BE ELECTED TO ROLE, AND I AM BOTH EXCITED AND NERVOUS ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PRESENTS.

AS THE PRACTITIONER AT-LARGE, MY PRIMARY FOCUS WILL BE TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE PRACTITIONERS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DCDT COMMUNITY. I WILL BE WORKING TO RECRUIT PRACTITIONER INVOLVEMENT IN DCDT COMMITTEES, PUBLICATIONS, ADVOCACY INITIATIVES, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS INVALUABLE, AND IT WILL GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO ENHANCE PRACTITIONER INVOLVEMENT, ADVOCATE FOR YOUR INTERESTS, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. WHETHER YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON EXISTING PROGRAMS, SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT, OR SPECIFIC NEEDS IN TERMS OF TRANSITION SERVICES AND TRAINING, I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. YOUR INPUT WILL SHAPE THE DIRECTION OF OUR INITIATIVES AND ENSURE THAT THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT PROVIDED ALIGN WITH THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC AREAS OR TOPICS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED IN FUTURE PRACTITIONER SESSIONS, PUBLICATIONS, OR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. YOUR INPUT WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN TAILORING OUR EFFORTS TO BEST SERVE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES.

I INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES AND BRIEF BLURBS HIGHLIGHTING THE OUTSTANDING TRANSITION SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES YOU ARE PROVIDING. YOUR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS WILL HELP SHOWCASE THE IMPACTFUL WORK HAPPENING IN OUR STATE AND INSPIRE OTHERS IN THE FIELD. PLEASE SEND YOUR STORIES TO [MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM](mailto:MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM), AND LET'S CELEBRATE THE EXCELLENCE IN TRANSITION SERVICES ACROSS NEVADA!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTIONS. I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON THE FIELD OF TRANSITION SERVICES. YOUR VOICES MATTER, AND I AM HERE TO REPRESENT AND SUPPORT YOU. AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS, OR WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME. TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A VIBRANT AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY WITHIN DCDT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST AND SUPPORT. LET'S MAKE THE NEXT THREE YEARS INCREDIBLY IMPACTFUL!

WARM REGARDS,

SARA MCGOWAN, AT-LARGE MEMBER [PRACTITIONER] DCDT BOARD  
[MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM](mailto:MCGOWANS@CHURCHILLCSD.COM)

~EXCITING NEWS~