



Orange County Department of Education
Instructional Services Division
Early Learning, Expanded Learning,
and Family Support Services

Mapping Equal Access for All Children: The Landscape in Orange County

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
lunch snacks served

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Wednesday

Orange County Department of Education
200 Kalmus Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92628
Building D, Room 1004

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Young children with disabilities are placed in various educational programs across California's school districts, as they enter formal schooling. While research demonstrates that all students perform better within general education classrooms, some may not have opportunities to participate in inclusive settings with their peers.

Information will be shared about placement of young children with disabilities in California and Orange County, as GIS mapping is utilized to reflect current data. Research-based findings will focus on equity and access and the importance of inclusivity.

Join us for a time to dialogue around the early educator's role in supporting inclusive opportunities for young children with disabilities before they enter Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten; essential collaboration and advocacy will be explored.

Audri M. Gomez is the Associate Director at the Thompson Policy Institute and a lecturer in the Attallah College of Educational Studies. Dr. Gomez obtained her Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Disability Studies at Chapman University. Previous to her current assignment, she was a special education teacher for 8 years before becoming a Special Education Coordinator. She has presented at numerous conferences, including NAEYC, where her presentations have focused on inclusive practices, social model of disability, teacher preparation, and school culture. Most recently, Dr. Gomez co-authored a book chapter in a Peter Lang series titled Enacting change from within: Disability Studies meets teaching and teacher education, as well as a study in Disability Studies Quarterly titled "The impact of disability studies curriculum on education professionals' perspectives and practice: Implications for education, social, justice, and social change."

Registration and event details

<http://ocde.k12oms.org/1419-161230>

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