

Tuesday, April 7th MCEC Board Governor’s Meeting 7:00 pm: Ponderosa Social Club

Registration Tuesday evening at The Marriott 6:00 – 8:30 pm and Wednesday morning from 7:45 – 8:30 at The Ellen

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

8:30 am to 10:30 am
Keynote at The Ellen
Theater

Welcoming: 8:30 – 8:40 am
Keynote: 8:40 – 10:10 am: Bryan Pearlman; Maslow Before Bloom
CSPD Awards: 10:10 – 10:30

Sessions

	Baxter - Leadership	Marriott - Instructional Practices	Event Space - Special Education and Whole Child
10:50 am - 12:05 pm Session 1	ESY and Transition Services: Practical Guidance and Case Law Elizabeth Kaleva, Kaleva Law	From Struggling to Soaring: Making Literacy Fun with Games and Multisensory Activities Presenters: Alicia Hakes & Callie Moore	10 Minute Problem Solving: Fast, Effective Plans for Students Who Exhibit Challenging Behaviors: Bryan Pearlman
<i>12:05 - 1:20 Lunch On Your Own</i>			
1:20 - 2:35 pm Session 2	Case Law Year in Review Elizabeth Kaleva, Kaleva Law	How to Write Neuroinclusive Behavior Support Plans That Actually Teach Skills, Shanell Latta, OPI - MAEP MS, CCC-SLP, CCSP-ADHD	Leading through Resistance Becca Silver, The Whole Educator
2:55 pm - 4:10 pm Session 3	The State of Education in Montana, Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)	AI Landscape and Possibilities in Special Education, Eilyn Miller, Playground IEP	Going Beyond Growth Mindset: The Five Mindsets That Explain Why Students Lose Motivation to Learn Becca Silver, The Whole Educator
4:25 pm - 5:40 pm Session 4	The “Ins and Outs” of Medicaid Billing Presenter: Lisa Waterman, School Services of Montana	A Toolkit for Teaching Reading Ashlie Slunaker, Beyond the Benchmark Consulting	Executive Function Tools That Actually Work: Zero-Prep Strategies for Real Students in Real Classrooms Shanell Latta, OPI - MAEP MS, CCC-SLP, CCSP-ADHD

Evening on your own! Have fun in Downtown Bozeman!

7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Registration at The Ellen Theater

Thursday, April 9, 2026

**8:30 am to 10:30 am
Keynote at The Ellen
Theater**

Welcoming: 8:30 - 8:45 am
MCEC & Yes I Can Awards: 8:45 - 9:15 am
Keynote 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.: Jocelyn Washburn, Ph.D., **Elevate Tier 1 Instruction Through High-Leverage Practices: Strategies for Inclusive Classrooms**

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10:50 am - 12:05 pm Session 5	Using Data-Driven Collaboration to Improve Student Learning and Well-Being Jocelyn Washburn, Ph.D. Co-Director, KUCRL	Proficiency Based Learning and Special Education; Billi Taylor and Norah Barney	Explore the New <i>Montana Postsecondary Transition Resource Guide</i> and Discover How It Can Serve as a Valuable Tool; Montana Secondary Transition Partnership Team
<i>12:05 - 1:05: Boxed Lunch in Event Space with Vendors</i>			
1:10 - 2:25 pm Session 6	Fight, Flight or Facilitate: Navigating Conflict as a Leader Carrie Yantzer; Executive Strategist at Capturing Kids' Hearts	Literacy for All Genevieve Thomas, SparkEd Consulting	Empowering Educators: Simple Shifts, Outstanding Outcomes with Pyramid Approach Jessecca Collins
2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Session 7	OPI Special Education Leadership Danni McCarthy	Mind the Gap: Practical Strategies for Managing Student Dysregulation Scott Zeiter & Layna Lamons Ukeru Systems	Brain and Behavior for Twice Exceptional (2e) Kids: Understanding and Supporting Gifted Students with Disabilities, Jenny Jarvis OPI

Thank you for coming! Join us next year at MCEC 2027!