



Five Things to Know for Mid-February

Resource: Public School Navigation Guide

Voice of San Diego's new school guide provides an overview of every public school's performance in easy-to-read charts, and explains things like school choice and transitional kindergarten. Available at local libraries and through community partners such as Neighborhood House, MAAC Project, Voices for Children and the Barrio Logan College Institute. You can also download it at <https://tinyurl.com/y9eu2w6q> (English) or <https://tinyurl.com/y7wvdyhz> (Spanish.)

Conference: 21st Century Education Symposium

The 21st Century Education Symposium, *Quality Education and Promising Practices: A Bright Future for All Students*, will be held at the Sheraton/Westin Carlsbad Resort and Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Dr. in Carlsbad on Feb. 24 from 8:30am-3:00 pm. Keynote speaker Kristin Wright is the Special Education Director, CA Dept. of Education and former Special Education teacher, as well as the parent of an adult daughter with multiple disabilities. Workshop topics include Employment, Inclusion, Person-Driven Planning, Self-Determination, Transition and Universal Design for Learning. The fee is \$45, however, the conference is vendored by Regional Center. Please contact Joyce at [619-594-7408](tel:619-594-7408) with questions or visit <https://tinyurl.com/y9p726u8> for more information and to register.

Health Care: Risk-Tiering Report and Webinar

Health care systems are increasingly using a process known as "risk- tiering" to group patients with similar degrees of need for health care and care coordination services. Families and care providers of children with chronic and complex conditions should understand risk-tiering, as it may affect access to services these children need. A new report outlines how tiering currently is being used, and makes recommendations for policy and research. You can read the report at <https://tinyurl.com/y9zehce3> and attend a webinar on Feb. 28 from 11 am-noon. Sponsored by Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, Family Voices and the Catalyst Center, this free webinar will feature the report's authors who include physicians from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Children's Hospital Colorado and Harvard Medical School, as well as the Executive Director of Family Voices. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/>

Blog: Helping Preschoolers with Speech

In this blog post, the author shares tips for helping her young son, who was struggling with speech. See her ideas at <https://momontheside.com/ways-to-help-preschoolers-with-speech>

Literature: Nothing About Us Without Us

The Transition Readiness and Self-Efficacy Study at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School is recruiting participants for a research study on transition from pediatric to adult health care. Researchers will investigate medical and non-medical needs during transition and establish patient preferences for models of transition care. They are asking for input from youth and young adults (ages 15-30) with chronic medical conditions, and their parents. Participants will receive up to \$120 in Amazon gift cards. <https://scholar.harvard.edu/laurenwisk/current-studies>