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Council for Exceptional Children 2017 Convention & Expo
to take place in Boston, April 19–22.

*Thousands of educators will convene in Boston for the world’s largest special education professional development event.*

**Arlington, Va., April 17, 2017** – Wednesday, April 19 marks the opening of the Council for Exceptional Children’s (CEC) 2017 Convention & Expo (CEC 2017) in Boston. CEC 2017 will host over 4,000 educators from around the globe, where they will gain insights and explore solutions to the most important and challenging topics facing special education today.

CEC 2017 will feature over 500 sessions and workshops highlighting the newest research and strategies in special education and the policy developments that affect teachers and their work every day. Presentations range from diversity and inclusion to universal design for learning, differentiated instruction, and positive behavioral practices.

New to the convention this year are Teacher2Teacher Sessions and Learning Labs. Teacher2Teacher Sessions are opportunities for teachers to learn from each other, sharing ideas that have worked in a variety of classroom settings. Learning Labs provide an interactive, hands-on opportunity to explore products, services, and teaching concepts.

The Convention keynote speaker, Rick Guidotti, is an award-winning photographer; additional general sessions include a panel on disproportionality and culturally responsive instruction, and a celebration of 12 children and youth receiving CEC’s Yes I Can award.

CEC is an international professional education association dedicated to advancing the success of children with exceptionalities through advocacy, standards, and professional development. Learn more about CEC at [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org).

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