Dear CAN Coordinator,

On behalf of the Council for Exceptional Children’s Policy and Advocacy Services, we would like to thank you for volunteering to become a Coordinator for CEC’s Children and Youth Action Network (CAN). As a leading advocate for CEC, CAN Coordinators play an integral role in advancing policy that affects children and youth with exceptionalities on Capitol Hill, in federal agencies and in state governments.

Resources for CAN Coordinators can be found by visiting CEC’s website www.cec.sped.org>Policy and Advocacy>Children and Youth Action Network. On this website you will find:

- New CAN Coordinator introduction materials
- CAN training materials
- Sample advocacy presentations
- Advocacy one-pagers
- PowerPoint Presentations from CAN meetings
- CAN Do Briefs
- Legislative Action Center
- Policy Insider

In addition to the materials enclosed, CEC’s public policy staff communicates regularly with CAN Coordinators to provide policy updates on the latest news impacting students with exceptionalities. First, CEC hosts two annual CAN training sessions, one at CEC’s Annual Convention and the second every summer at the annual Legislative Summit in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. During the summer CAN meeting, coordinators attend panel discussions featuring experts on education policy, conduct meetings with members of Congress on Capitol Hill, as well as participate in advocacy training sessions. Second, as a CAN Coordinator, you will receive CEC’s weekly Policy Insider via e-mail, which you are encouraged to disseminate to members of your network; and a CANDo! a monthly update on information just for CAN Coordinators.

Again, thank you for becoming a CAN Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Policy and Advocacy Staff
Council for Exceptional Children