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Complimentary Professional Development for Educators Technical Assistance Program

LIVE VIRTUAL COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP VIA ZOOM

Unlocking Potential: Diversity, Equity, and Universal Screening in New Mexico Gifted Education

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:30 to 11:30 AM or 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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This three-hour interactive training explores strategies to eliminate systemic barriers in gifted identification and build culturally responsive pathways for New Mexico's diverse student populations. Participants will examine state mandates regarding universal screening—including grade 3 universal screening requirements and multi-criteria evaluation frameworks—and learn how to select and analyze nonverbal, qualitative, and alternative assessment tools to equitably identify giftedness across all cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

What Attendees Will Learn:

NM Regulatory Context & Universal Screening Mandate

Mitigating Bias in Traditional Referral Models

Selecting and Using Nonverbal & Culturally Fair Instruments

Alternative Protocols & Qualitative Data Integration

This training is applicable to general education, special education, and gifted education teachers, coaches, and/or administrators.

This training is applicable to General Education, Special Education, and other interested staff.

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