

Education for Children with Disabilities Another Casualty of Government Shutdown

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In connection with the ongoing federal government shutdown, the majority of Department of Education (ED) personnel responsible for overseeing the special education needs of [children with disabilities](#) have been laid off. Several ED offices provide collective oversight and monitoring of states' compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which guarantees all children with disabilities the right to a free and appropriate public education.