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TO: Chief School Administrators
Charter School Lead Persons
Directors of Special Education

FROM: Peggy McDonald, Director
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SUBJECT: Summer Workshop on Traumatic Brain Injury

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, through the Learning Resource (LRC) Network, is offering a summer workshop at two locations, on the topic of traumatic brain injury (TBI). The training, Supporting Students with Traumatic Brain Injuries: Strategies to Improve Communication and Cognitive Skills, is targeted to school district speech-language specialists and child study team personnel (i.e., psychologists and learning disabilities teacher-consultants) and is funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B. The workshop will focus on academic and nonacademic areas impacted by TBI and ways to improve identification, evaluation, and remediation of communication and cognitive impairments and will include information about compensatory strategies, differentiated instruction, use of assistive technology, Universal Design for Learning, and curriculum supports. Attendees will be responsible for developing a plan for turn-keying strategies learned to other district staff responsible for instruction and related services through activities such as professional learning communities (PLCs).

Please be advised that there is no registration fee, but space at each location is limited to 50 participants. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- **August 11** at the Learning Resource Center – North, East Orange, NJ
- **August 13** at the Learning Resource Center – Central, Trenton, NJ

Please visit the Department’s Calendar of Events at [http://education.state.nj.us/events](http://education.state.nj.us/events) to register.

For further information or questions, please call Fran Leibner at (609) 984-4955.