

DC Special Education Co-operative

helping charter schools to build and maintain their special education programs

BECOME A CO-OP MEMBER TODAY

MEMBER BENEFITS

- advocacy on special education issues
- technical support for your staff
- biweekly newsletter
- up-to-date news from OSSE's Special Education Office
- policy update email blasts access to member's only sections of the Co-op's website
- access to Medicaid billing (a member's only fee-for-service)
- member discounts for all fee-for-service work (for complete list of fee-for-service activities, please see attached)
- a voice in setting the agenda for the Co-op. All member schools can designate someone from their leadership team to sit on the Co-op's Board of Directors

COMING SOON

- **Satellite Classroom Project.** The Co-op is working to develop expanded special education service options for charters. Member schools will be able to place students needing a high intensity of service (particularly those with behavioral challenges) into Co-op run classrooms.
- **Related Services Project.** The Co-op is working to hire a team of related service providers that will be able to provide evaluation and some direct services at nonprofit rates to member schools.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully organized an advocacy campaign around OSSE's release of changes to the DCMR
- Developed excellent working relationships with Office of Special Education staff (including biweekly meeting with OSSE's Special Education Policy Director)
- Successfully billed Medicaid for several charter schools, recovering thousands of dollars for each
- Provided technical assistance to more than 80% of currently operating charter schools.
- Received over \$340K in grants to enhance special education support for charter schools



We understand that this year is financially tight and schools were not given the opportunity to budget for Co-op dues last Spring. Therefore, we're offering a super reduced rate for this school year.

DUES: \$1000 for SY 2009-20010

To join, complete the attached membership application and email to jcamerata@specialedcoop.org | 202.903.6883 | www.specialedcoop.org