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at The Children's Center for Communication
BEVERLY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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The Gear Up

Greetings CCCBSD Faculty & Staff,

With week 2 underway, we hope you are beginning to settle in! We wanted to take a moment to welcome you back and provide you an update about The Institute. We are the faculty at The Institute: Amy Szarkowski, PhD (Director) & Sarah Brandt, EdD (Associate). Here is a little bit about what we do:

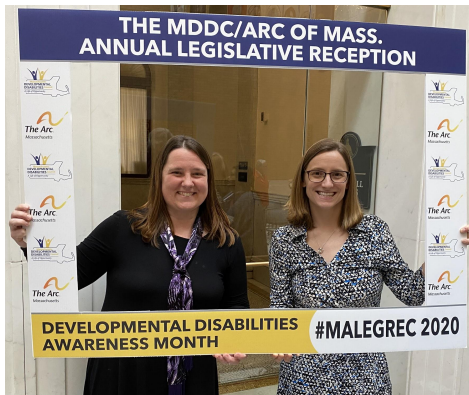
The Institute at CCCBSD will generate and disseminate transformational ideas, practices, and services which advance outcomes for individuals – deaf and hearing – who have developmental or communication challenges and the professionals who engage with them.



Teaching & Learning

We know the current demands are extraordinary, and we want you to know that you are doing a great job! We help plan professional development for CCCBSD faculty, which will look a little different this year - be on the lookout for an update from The Institute soon! Through the Diversity Committee, we will be exploring topics important to the CCCBSD community. We also foster learning opportunities for the wider community through the *Distinguished Speaker Series*, which we hope to launch virtually this year!

Sarah Brandt facilitating a panel on teletherapy in June 2020 with CCCBSD Related Service Providers. Check out the [Remote Learning Panels](#) if you haven't already!



Building & Broadening Impact

We foster relationships with individuals and organizations outside of CCCBSD to promote collaboration and work toward shared goals. The [Teacher of the Deaf program](#) at Endicott College, announced recently by Dr. Carlson, is one example. We serve on boards and advisory committees, helping to ensure a "seat at the table" representing concerns of children like our CCCBSD students.

Representing The Institute at Disability Awareness Day at the Massachusetts State House in March 2020.



Research

We bring relevant research to CCCBSD to share information about best practices in deaf special education. We offer guidance to CCCBSD faculty interested in exploring new topics and provide support to faculty who wish to present at conferences. We also engage in research ourselves and publish that work. Rather than leaving the CCCBSD name "on the hill," we strive to bring the CCCBSD name "out to the world."

Courtney Lyons, April Dooley & Amy Szarkowski presenting at the Federation for Children with Special Needs conference in February 2020.



In lieu of hosting an Open House this year, we invite you to reach out to us with questions or suggestions. We are happy to meet with you - our office is on the 2nd floor of the Life Skills Center - and talk about your ideas regarding how The Institute can better support CCCBSD, develop stronger ties with our local communities, and have a greater national/global presence.

Best,
Amy & Sarah