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## **Editorial Review**

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Since the first edition, this readable, comprehensive text has consistently met the needs of students seeking practical and evidence-based strategies for working with young children with special needs in a school environment. The eighth edition of *Adapting Early Childhood Curricula for Children with Special Needs*, continues to combine systematic instruction with naturalistic instruction embedded in daily life. This text is extremely practical and full of specific instructions derived from evidence-based practices.

Detailed, but not overwhelming, this book enhances its focus on child and family strengths, relationship-focused interventions, family-centered approaches, standards, evidence-based practices and coordinated, interdisciplinary services, all which enable students to enter their field with a wealth of knowledge, tools, and strategies for success.

### *New To This Edition*

- **Vignette features** located throughout the text further assist students in applying theory to practice.
- **Updated legal requirements related to IDEIA and RTI** (Chapter 1) prepares students to understand the legal requirements of their profession.
- **A new chapter devoted to low incidence disabilities** (Chapter 8) increases competencies of students to include children with less common disabilities and special needs.
- **Increased emphasis on linking assessment to intervention and progress monitoring** (Chapter 3) assists students in understanding how to utilize assessment information to build intervention into daily activities.

### About the Author

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Deborah Chen, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Special Education, California State University, Northridge (CSUN), teaches in the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programs. She also supervises ECSE credential candidates in early intervention and early childhood special education programs located in highly diverse communities in Los Angeles and surrounding counties. As an immigrant to the United States from

Jamaica (West Indies) with Chinese roots, Dr. Chen has a personal and professional interest in working with families of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Dr. Chen has extensive experience serving with families and their children with sensory impairments and multiple disabilities as an early interventionist, teacher, program administrator, teacher trainer, and researcher. She has directed projects of significance, model demonstration, outreach, research-to-practice, and personnel development projects funded by the U.S. Department of Education. These projects have focused on working with families and children of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, home-based early intervention, interdisciplinary training, caregiver-child interactions, and early communication and tactile communication strategies with children who are deaf-blind. Her publications reflect these professional efforts and interests.

Dr. Chen has disseminated her work at local, state, national, and international conferences. In addition, she has been invited to conduct professional development courses and to present at international conferences in Australia, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, Qatar, Taiwan, and Thailand.

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