

Prepare Students for Their Future—Now.

Join the High Quality IEPs Project and educators across California to explore the **ASCEND framework**—supporting student voice and self-determination through everyday instruction and the IEP process. ASCEND equips students to take charge of their learning, goals, and future—empowering them to lead with confidence, purpose, and possibility.



Audience: All educators are welcome—from early childhood through high school. This is your space to connect, grow, and lead change, because it's never too early (or too late) to help students of ALL abilities ASCEND.

There are two exciting ways to participate in the ASCEND Community of Practice:

ASCEND Workshops:

Dive into the ASCEND framework and build your understanding of each self-determination skill. Each session provides ready-to-use strategies to foster self-determination.

TIME: 3:30-4:30 PM

ASCEND Collaboration Cafés:

After learning about the skill, connect with educators across the state, share real classroom experiences, and learn from teachers who have piloted ASCEND with diverse student populations.

TIME: 2:30-3:30 PM or 3:30-4:30 PM

Select the time that works best for you!

Introduction Workshop: September 23, 2025

A Workshop: October 30, 2025 & **Collaboration Cafe:** November 18, 2025

S Workshop: December 2, 2025 & **Collaboration Cafe:** January 15, 2026

C Workshop: January 22, 2026 & **Collaboration Cafe:** February 12, 2026

E Workshop: February 24, 2026 & **Collaboration Cafe:** March 17, 2026

N Workshop: April 16, 2026 & **Collaboration Cafe:** May 7, 2026

D Workshop: May 19, 2026 | **Note:** there is no Collaboration Cafe following this workshop.

All workshops and Collaboration Cafés are free to attend.

One registration gives you access to the full series of workshops and Collaboration Cafés (both time slots).