

# California Coalition for Inclusive Literacy

CAST, the creator of Universal Design for Learning (UDL), is thrilled to announce that we are partnering with the California Department of Education and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to create the new **California Coalition for Inclusive Literacy** (CCIL). Rooted in the UDL framework, CCIL will address California's goal of fostering inclusive educational and literacy practices in general and special educational settings.

CCIL offers educators across the state resources and professional development opportunities to support *all* students, including those with overlapping educational needs, in accessing grade-level literacy opportunities within a general education setting.

Benefits for *all* California educators include:

- Access to Learning Designed, CAST's online community learning platform. Learning Designed offers a variety of rich resources for supporting professional learning around the core practices for inclusive education, including videos, articles, courses, and coaching opportunities.
- Access to CAST's online course, *UDL 101: A Framework for Addressing Learner Variability*.
- Monthly virtual meet-ups with CCIL participants and the California UDL Coalition.
- Webinars focused on literacy and inclusion through the UDL lens, as well as resources such as lesson planning templates, classroom videos, virtual workshops, graphic organizers, and UDL rubrics, many of which will be freely available.

## Contact us today

For more information about how you can participate, email CAST's Director of Professional Learning, Jennifer Levine at [jlevine@cast.org](mailto:jlevine@cast.org).

Participants in Fresno, Los Angeles, Placer, San Joaquin, and Santa Clara Counties will dive even more deeply into CCIL's Inclusive Literacy framework, using a learner centered curriculum to empower coaches, educators, and students across districts.