Resources & Support to Units: At-A-Glance

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is proud to partner with its Units to advance our shared mission of improving the educational success of children and youth with exceptionalities. As a Unit leader, you have access to a robust suite of resources, benefits, and personalized support from CEC Headquarters designed to help your Unit grow, engage members, and amplify your local impact. From membership rebates and communication tools to leadership development and dedicated staff support, this document outlines the many ways CEC is here to support your success.

Resource	Description
Membership List for Your Unit	Downloadable and regularly updated lists of current CEC members in your geographic area, empowering your Unit to connect with members, welcome new professionals, and engage your community more effectively.
Membership Dues Rebates at $9/Member	Your Unit receives $9 for every member affiliated with it, providing a valuable source of funding to support local initiatives, events, and member engagement activities.
Hosting Your Unit's Website on CEC Website Web Request Support Form	CEC offers free hosting for your Unit's website on its national platform, giving your Unit an official online presence that is easy to access, maintain, and align with the CEC brand.
Visibility on CEC Website	Your Unit's contact information, leadership details, and activities are featured on the CEC website, making it easier for current and prospective members to find and connect with your Unit.
Publish/Disseminate Upcoming Unit Events	CEC can help expand the reach of your Unit's events by publishing and sharing them through national communication channels, including the website, newsletters, and social media platforms.
Private Group for Unit Leaders on CECommunity	Connect with fellow Unit leaders across the country in a dedicated online space to share ideas, ask questions, exchange resources, and collaborate on common challenges and opportunities.
Unit Leader Resources & Templates Page	Access a centralized library of practical tools, templates, guides, and best practices designed

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	specifically to support Unit operations, leadership transitions, event planning, and member engagement.
Dedicated Staff for Guidance and Support	CEC provides direct access to knowledgeable staff who are available to answer questions, offer strategic guidance, and support your Unit's growth and day-to-day operations.
Logo and Other Branded Materials Brand Guidelines	Access to official CEC logos, templates, and branded materials to maintain a consistent and professional look across your Unit's communications, events, and outreach efforts.
Individual Unit Virtual Space on CECommunity	Each Unit has its own dedicated virtual space on CECommunity to share updates, post documents, engage members in discussions, and foster a sense of community within your Unit.
Customized Trainings & Networking Opportunities for Unit Leaders (e.g., Leadership Institute)	Participate in tailored training sessions and exclusive networking events (such as the Leadership Institute) designed to build your leadership skills, share best practices, and connect with peers across the organization.
Repost/Disseminate Social Media Posts from Your Unit	CEC supports your Unit by sharing and promoting your social media posts through its national channels, helping to increase your visibility and engage a wider audience.
Non-legal Contract Reviews	Before signing any agreements (such as event venue contracts, speaker agreements, or service provider terms), Units should conduct a careful internal review by sending the contract to HQ. While not a legal review, this process helps ensure the contract aligns with the Unit's goals, budget, and policies, and reduces potential risks.
Volunteer Square - Form - Database/Report	Volunteer Square is a centralized tool where Units can view individuals who have expressed interest in volunteering. This resource helps you identify and connect with potential volunteers, making it easier to engage new leaders and grow your Unit's capacity.

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Component-in-a-Box	The Component-in-a-Box provides your Unit with CEC-branded materials—such as flyers, pens, stickers, and a tabletop banner—to elevate your presence at events. It's designed to help you promote membership, increase visibility, and create a professional, engaging display.
Event Support - Support Request Form	CEC offers event support to help your Unit plan and execute successful programs, from promoting your event through national channels to providing templates, resources, and guidance. This support helps enhance your event's reach, professionalism, and overall impact.
Unit Leader Success Series - Monthly Snapshot - Gatherings	The Monthly Snapshot email delivers timely reminders, key deadlines, resources, and helpful tips straight to your inbox—keeping Unit leaders informed, organized, and set up for success all year long. These virtual gatherings bring Unit leaders together to share best practices, receive CEC updates, and build connections across the network. They're a valuable opportunity to learn, collaborate, and feel supported in your leadership role.
Repository for Governing Documents and Other Important Information	CEC Headquarters serves as a central repository for your Unit's key documents—such as bylaws, articles of incorporation, and tax EIN details. Sharing these with HQ ensures continuity, supports compliance, and protects your Unit's operations during transitions or emergencies.