

# UDL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

## Webinar Series

2014



CAST Professional Learning will deliver five webinar sessions beginning in June 2014. These webinars will focus on understanding the key concepts of accessibility to instructional materials. This Webinar Series is sponsored by the NYC Department of Education as part of their efforts to support understanding of Universal Design for Learning and the impact on educator practices.

### Presenter: Dr. Joy Zabala

#### Director of Technical Assistance, CAST and National AIM Center

Dr. Joy Zabala, a general and special educator, is a pioneer in assistive technology (AT) and accessible instructional materials (AIM). Dr. Zabala has earned international recognition for her work and is a sought-after presenter of training for educators and families. As the Director of Technical Assistance for CAST and for the National Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center she is charged with working with state education agencies, local education agencies and other stakeholders to develop effective systems to speed the delivery of high-quality accessible instructional materials to students with disabilities. Dr. Zabala views AT and AIM as complimentary supports for the UDL framework and leads to educational participation and achievement of all students.

### Webinar Sessions

This series of 5 webinars is designed to provide participants with important information about the legal mandate to provide accessible educational materials to students with disabilities and, further, the ways in which accessibility features can benefit ALL students. Learn about the context of accessible materials in Session 1 and take a close look at each of the four steps of a decision-making process for selecting, acquiring and using flexible, accessible materials in Sessions 2-5. All participants are encouraged to attend Session 1 as the basis for deeper understanding of subsequent sessions; however, all five sessions can be attended independently. All sessions will be recorded and posted on the NYC website for future viewing.

### Dates and Webinar Topics 3:30 - 4:30

Thursday, June 12 Access to Instructional Materials (AIM): An Overview of What this Means and Why it Matters

Tuesday, June 17 Determining a Student's Need for Accessible Instructional Materials

Thursday, June 19 Selecting and Acquiring Accessible Instructional Materials

Tuesday, June 24 Supports for Using Accessible Materials for Participation and Learning

Thursday, June 26 Accessible Instructional Materials in the IEP

### About CAST

CAST is a non-profit educational research and development organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals through Universal Design for Learning. Founded in 1984, CAST has earned international recognition for its innovative contributions to educational products, classroom practices, and policies.

### About UDL

UDL is a framework for guiding the design of curriculum, programs, and materials. UDL helps educators address learner variability by suggesting flexible goals, methods, materials, and assessments that empower educators to address learner variability in today's classrooms.



### Registration Instructions

Open registration for Educators interested in learning about accessible instructional materials. To join the webinar go to: <http://tadnet.adobeconnect.com/aim/> and select GUEST and ENTER YOUR NAME in the designated place. ARCHIVE WEBINARS will be available at NYCDOE Special Education Resources page: [bit.ly/1oqTccT](http://bit.ly/1oqTccT).