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We know that many of you have materials that have been developed by your team and are used in your district. The materials contained in the tool kit are not intended to replace materials that are being used effectively in your schools. We offer them to enhance currently used materials, to provide templates that may be used when transition related materials have not been readily available, and to train and support new staff.

We welcome your feedback on the usefulness of this toolkit and suggestions for additional materials that you would find helpful. Please direct your comments through phone, fax or e-mail to the Colorado Department of Education, Special Education Services Unit.

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