



The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center

Overview

New Cooperative Agreement with OSEP of the U.S. Department of Education

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VISION

All young children with disabilities and other special needs will learn and develop optimally, and with their families will participate fully in community life with dignity and respect.

MISSION/GOAL

NECTAC will strengthen state and local service systems to ensure that children with disabilities (birth through 5 years) and their families receive and benefit from high-quality, evidence-based, culturally appropriate and family-centered supports and services.

VALUES

We believe:

- that children and their families deserve high-quality, evidence-based services that promote positive outcomes.
- that systems change requires multiple and diverse viewpoints to fully understand and solve problems and issues.
- in maximizing the effectiveness of TA by building on the strengths, resources, and knowledge base of research, TA and state partners.
- that policies and practices should recognize and respect children and families from diverse cultures and contexts.
- that involving people with disabilities and parents in planning and conducting TA enhances effectiveness.

OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

1. Compile, analyze and prioritize national IDEA, Part B-Section 619 and Part C implementation issues and develop an Annual TA Plan
2. Plan and conduct TA activities in relation to TA Plan including:
 - a. Dissemination including Web, other technologies and publications
 - b. Individual State Work Plans and other personalized TA
 - c. Special evidence-based TA for vulnerable populations, children with challenging behaviors, service coordination and interagency collaboration which may include child find, transition, interagency agreements, inclusion, and/or family involvement
 - d. National Early Childhood Conference
 - e. Coordinate TA with partners
 - f. OSEP initiated TA
3. Document and evaluate TA and use results to improve NECTAC TA activities
4. Manage the TA Center and prepare various reports