



Early Childhood Special Education Consortium of State 619 Coordinators

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Organizational Structure

Mission Statement

The 619 Consortium is a national group comprised of the early childhood special education coordinator in each state and territory with responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 619. The consortium was established to collectively promote collaboration and communication amongst state 619 leaders and other early childhood partners. The goal is to support the state education agency and the work of the state special education directors, ensure that eligible children, ages three through five with disabilities, are provided a high quality educational opportunity with non-disabled peers that result in positive outcomes for each individual child.

Goals

1. Identify and represent the interests of states and territories on early childhood special education/IDEA 619 issues at the national level;
2. Support evidence-based practices that promote quality services to eligible children ages three through five and their families;
3. Strengthen and foster leadership in early childhood special education at the local, state or territory, and national levels.

Leadership Team 2011-2012

1. Past Chair – Vacant (2012-2013)
2. Chair – Val James (2010-2012)
3. Vice Chair – Maria Synodi (2010-2012)
4. Correspondence/Secretary – Meredith Cathcart (2010-2012)
5. Region 1 - Northeast – Ruth Littlefield (term August 2012)
6. Region 2 - Midsouth – Phyllis Mondak (term August 2013)
7. Region 3 - Southeast – Mary Louise Jones (term August 2013)
8. Region 4 - North Central – Noel Cole (term August 2013)
9. Region 5 - Mountain Plains – Connie Nink (term August 2012)
10. Region 6 - Western – Sheila Ammons (term August 2012)
11. Member at large – Pam Reising-Rechner, By-Laws Committee (term August 2013)
12. Member at large – Jan Stevenson, Liaison Committee (term August 2012)

In the event of a vacancy, the position will be voted on and chosen by the 619 Consortium Leadership Team from within the Leadership Team. Vacancy within a region would be filled by a vote of that region as directed by the Leadership Team.