Office of Special Education Programs
U.S. Department of Education Technical Assistance Network

Funded Centers

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) funds a technical assistance (TA) network to support the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by State Educational Agencies, Part C Lead Agencies, institutions of higher education, Local Educational Agencies, local agencies, programs, and schools. The centers provide TA to ensure the needs of ALL infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families are met.

OSEP administers discretionary grants funded under IDEA to improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities ages birth through 21 across six areas: Technical Assistance and Dissemination, Parent Training and Information Centers, Educational Technology and Accessible Media and Materials Centers, Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities, Technical Assistance on State Data Collection, and State Personnel Development Grants. These grants support States and local programs to lead systems change and provide comprehensive and high-quality IDEA services. For more information on OSEP's discretionary grants, refer to https://osepideasthatwork.org/resources-grantees/program-areas

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Technical Assistance & Dissemination Program Centers

The Technical Assistance and Dissemination (TA&D) program funds centers to improve results for children with disabilities from birth through 21 and their families by promoting the use of evidence-based practices. The TA&D centers build the capacity of States and local programs to implement evidence-based practices by (a) identifying emerging needs, (b) developing high-quality products, (c) providing effective technical assistance, and (d) widely disseminating useful information.

Focus	Center & Website
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE) cadreworks.org
School Climate and Behavior	Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS Center) pbis.org
Early Childhood | Effective Interventions | Effective Systems	Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA Center) ectacenter.org
Effective Literacy Instruction	Lead for Literacy (L4L) leadforliteracy.org
Early Childhood | Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Outcomes	National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations (NCPMI) challengingbehavior.org
Transforming State Systems	National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) ncsi.wested.org
Effectively Implementing IDEA	National Center for Supporting School Building and Early Intervention Program Administrators to Effectively Implement IDEA and Improve Systems Serving Children with Disabilities (website is under development)

Focus	Center & Website
Deaf-Blindness	National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) nationaldb.org
Assessment and Alternate Assessment	National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO) nceo.info
Effective Literacy Instruction and Dyslexia | Supporting Parents and Families	National Center on Improving Literacy (NCIL) improvingliteracy.org
Inclusive Practices	The National Center on Inclusion Toward Rightful Presence https://swiftschools.org/
Effective Instruction | School Climate and Behavior	National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII) intensiveintervention.org
Postsecondary Deaf and Hard of Hearing	National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes (NDC) nationaldeafcenter.org
Secondary Transition	National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative (NTACT:C) transitionta.org
High-Quality Educational Programming	Promoting Rigorous Outcomes and Growth by Redesigning Educational Services for Students with Disabilities Center (PROGRESS Center) promotingprogress.org
Scaling-up of Evidence-based Practices	State Implementation and Scaling-up of Evidence-based Practices Center (SISEP Center) sisep.fpg.unc.edu

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Parent Training and Information Centers

The Special Education Parent Information Centers support parents of children with disabilities from birth through 26 by providing high-quality, relevant, and useful training and information to help improve outcomes for their children. Activities include (a) working with families of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities, birth to 26; (b) helping parents participate effectively in their children's education and development; and (c) partnering with professionals and policy makers to improve outcomes for all children with disabilities.

Description	Center & Website
National Center Supporting All Parent Training and Information Centers, Community Parent Resource Centers, and Parents	Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR) parentcenterhub.org
Local Centers Supporting Underserved Families and Youth	Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs) parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center
Statewide Centers Supporting Families and Youth	Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center
Regional Centers Supporting PTIs and CPRCs	Regional Parent Technical Assistance Centers (RPTACs) parentcenterhub.org/rptacs

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Educational Technology and Accessible Media and Materials Centers

OSEP funds national centers that support the effective use of accessible technology to improve access to instruction for individuals with disabilities.

Focus	Center & Website
Educational Materials in Accessible Formats for Eligible Children and Students with Disabilities	Bookshare bookshare.org/cms
Building Faculty Capacity to Use Educational Technology in Personnel Preparation	Center for Innovation, Design, and Digital Learning (CIDDL) ciddl.org
Assistive Technology	Center on Inclusive Technology & Education Systems (CITES) cites.cast.org
Audio Description and Captioning	Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP) dcmp.org
Use of Technology for Early Childhood Assessment	Innovative Technology for Early Childhood Assessment (INTECA) inteca-idea.org
Accessible Educational Materials	National Center on Accessible Educational Materials aem.cast.org
Supporting Production of Educational Materials in Accessible Formats	Braille, Large Print, and Digital Text	National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) nimac.us
STEM Experiences for Young Children with Disabilities	STEMIE: Innovation for Inclusion in Early Education stemie.fpg.unc.edu

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Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities

OSEP funds national centers that support institutions of higher education and State agencies to increase the number of fully qualified personnel—including teachers, providers, and administrators—working with children with disabilities and their families and to ensure those personnel have the necessary knowledge and skills to use evidence-based practices to improve services and results in serving those children.

Focus	Center & Website
Aligning and Improving Personnel Preparation Systems	CEEDAR Center: Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability, and Reform Center ceedar.education.ufl.edu
Early Childhood Personnel Systems	The Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC) ecpcta.org
Early Childhood Personnel and Faculty Diversity	Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center for Equity (ECiPC) ecipc-equity.org
Evidence-Based Practices I Translating Research to Practice I Effective Instruction	IRIS Center iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu

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Technical Assistance on State Data Collection Centers

OSEP funds national centers that provide technical assistance to improve the capacity of States to meet the data collection and reporting requirements under Parts B and C of IDEA.

Focus	Center & Website
Part B Preschool and School Age Data	IDEA Data Center (IDC) ideadata.org
Part C and Part B Preschool Data | Early Childhood Data Systems	The Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems (DaSy Center) dasycenter.org
IDEA Part B Data Systems | Integration	The Center for the Integration of IDEA Data (CIID) ciidta.communities.ed.gov/#program
Reporting Data in Dynamic, Accessible Visualizations	Rhonda Weiss Center for Accessible IDEA Data (Weiss Center) weissta.org
Significant Disproportionality	National Technical Assistance Center to Improve State Capacity to Collect, Report, Analyze, and Use Accurate Data to Address Significant Disproportionality (website is under development)
Part B and Part C Fiscal Data	Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting (CIFR) cifr.wested.org

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