



## Early Childhood Special Education Consortium of State 619 Coordinators

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### 619 Consortium Accomplishments 2014-2015

#### 619 Leadership Team

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1. Participated in monthly 619 Consortium Leadership Team calls.
2. Participated in monthly calls with National Association for Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), Council for Exceptional Children/Division of Early Childhood (CEC/DEC) and Infant Toddler Coordinator's Association (ITCA).
3. Participated in a full-day 619 Business Meeting at 2014 DaSy Conference, along with joint meeting with Infant and Toddler Coordinator's Association (ITCA), Early Intervention Family Alliance (EIFA) and Sharon Walsh on Legislative Updates.
4. Met with Ruth Ryder, Director of Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Libby Doggett (OEL) at the May 2015 Inclusion Conference for a discussion on the draft policy statement on inclusion of Children with Disabilities.
5. Participated in Quarterly calls with Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EDHI) to complete a survey for 619 Consortium resulting in sharing this information at the 2015 Business Meeting.
6. Provided comments related to children three to five with disabilities for the Preschool Development and Expansion Grant.
7. Participated in a USDOE meeting to provide input on including preschool children eligible for IDEA in cross sector setting.
8. Participated in national conference calls as requested with national partners.
9. Electronic confirmation of 619 Leadership Team August 2015.
10. Calls with the National Association for Director of Special Education (NASDSE) resulting in a session highlighting preschool special education at the NASDSE October Conference .
11. Planned a full-day 619 Business Meeting for the 2015 OSEP Leadership Conference, along with joint meeting with Infant and Toddler Coordinator's Association (ITCA), Early Intervention Family Alliance (EIFA) and Sharon Walsh on Legislative Updates.

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12. An introduction to the National Association for the Education of Young Children was established.

13. A half day meeting at the Inclusion Conference for 619 Coordinators was introduced and implemented.

14. An opportunity to provide input on Indicator Six was provided electronically and a summary statement developed.