



# 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 is established to collectively promote collaboration and communication among state 619 leaders and other early childhood partners.

The goal is to support state education agencies and the work of state special education directors, to ensure 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.

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In the event of a vacancy of an officer, the position will be voted on and chosen by the 619 Consortium Leadership Team until the next election period. Vacancy within a region would be filled by a vote of that region as directed by the Leadership Team, until the next election period. All member-at-large positions will be filled based on the needs of the 619 Consortium through appointment by the Leadership Team and their role/task will be defined.