

Early Childhood IDEA Centers: 2026 State Learning Opportunities



The OSEP-funded Early Childhood Technical Assistance (TA) Centers are pleased to announce a variety of new and ongoing opportunities to build individual and state capacity around implementation of IDEA birth-5. We hope this information will assist you as you consider which TA opportunities best fit your needs and priorities.

Upcoming TA Opportunities!

If the information for how to apply to one of these opportunities is not yet available, look for information in the near future from that TA Center on how to participate. If none of these planned opportunities fits your needs for TA, contact your state liaisons for [CIFR](#), [DaSy](#), or [ECTA](#) to explore other TA supports.

Title	Description	Timelines	Sponsors (lead first)	Intended Audience
Transition 101 Topical Series	This four-part series for early intervention (EI) and early childhood special education (ECSE) leaders will focus on IDEA requirements related to early childhood transition and accurate reporting in the SPP/APR. The series will also highlight the content and use of effective interagency and intra-agency transition agreements and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to promote agency collaboration.	February 2026–July 2026	ECTA DaSy	National, regional, and state TA providers, administrators and staff, program leaders, and training providers
Quarterly DMS Cross State Calls	States will share their experiences with DMS, including strategies used to prepare for DMS and close out findings; learn about existing TA resources to support DMS preparation, build their capacity to use these resources; and have opportunities to ask questions, discuss successes and challenges with their colleagues and TA staff to increase their understanding and capacity to prepare for DMS.	February 17 April 23 July 23 October 22	ECTA, DaSy	National, regional, and state TA providers, administrators and staff, program leaders, and training providers
CIFR 2026 Fiscal Webinar Series	This webinar series will be held at 3 pm ET during March, June, September, and December. Topics covered may include but are not limited to use of Part C IDEA funds, maintenance of effort, and using fiscal data to plan the Part C budget.	March 10 June 16 September 15 December 15	CIFR	Part C coordinators, data managers and fiscal staff

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2026 DaSy Part C Data Institute for State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report	DaSy is offering a two-day, in-person event offering hands-on support to address SPP/APR data issues including root cause analyses. This event will offer a unique opportunity to collaborate, learn, and lead.	March 17 and 18, 2026	DaSy	State Part C Coordinator, Part C Data Manager, or an individual fulfilling the data manager responsibilities, and relevant Part C staff
Child Find Data Cohort	This cohort will focus on enhancing state child find systems and aims to build on states' capacity to collect, analyze, report, and use state and local data to ensure that all children who are potentially eligible have access to early intervention services.	March 2026–October 2027	DaSy, ECTA	Part C program staff and related systems support personnel
2026 National Training Institute on Effective Practices: Addressing Challenging Behavior	The National Training Institute on Effective Practices provides professionals with an in-depth, intensive learning experience around the implementation of the Pyramid Model framework for addressing the social and emotional development and challenging behavior of young children.	April 7–10, 2026	NCPMI	National and state TA providers, trainers, program leaders, coaches, and practitioners
CIID Part C Data Bridge Summit	This working session will bring together Part C staff from multiple states with CIID TA providers (and partners) to establish a direction for future Part C data submission tools, data standards, and to create a vision to overcome current data integration barriers.	April 2026 (Virtual) May 7, 2026 (Reston VA)	CIID	State Part C data managers, Part C EDPass Managers
2026 International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute	The 2026 International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute provides an opportunity for early childhood professionals and families to learn about the latest research findings, models, and resources to guide inclusive policy, professional development, and practice.	May 19–21, 2026 (In person and Hybrid) June 24-25, 2026 (Virtual)	Frank Porter Graham, ECTA	Individuals involved in the care and education of children ages 0-5 with special needs
State Leader Collaborative	Quarterly convening of state leaders engaged in the implementation and scale-up of the Pyramid Model to share state implementation and scale-up strategies and explore topics of interest.	May 2026	NCPMI	State leaders interested in statewide implementation of the Pyramid Model
2026 DaSy Data Institute	DaSy is offering a two-day, in-person event offering hands-on support to address state needs to collect, analyze, report, and use data to improve early intervention and early childhood special education systems. This event will offer a unique opportunity to collaborate, learn, and lead and will include a focus on local data use.	June 2026	DaSy	State Part C and Part B 619 data leaders

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Part C In-person Fiscal Workshop	This workshop will offer an invaluable opportunity for Part C Coordinators, IDEA fiscal specialists and data managers to convene in person to build knowledge and capacity through engagement with peers on critical IDEA fiscal issues. The specific topic for this workshop will be determined at a later date and may mirror a previous session, such as a focus on written procedures, or explore a different IDEA fiscal area. The workshop will emphasize practical learning and collaborative discussion grounded in shared experience.	September 22–24, 2026	CIFR	Part C coordinators, fiscal specialists and data managers
CIFR Fiscal Communities of Practice	CIFR invites state staff with shared interests in IDEA fiscal issues to join a Part C Community of Practice (CoP) facilitated by CIFR TA liaisons. The online meetings are specially designed to meet the learning and networking needs of state staff to help them improve the quality of their state IDEA fiscal data. Through discussion and sharing of expertise, participants will expand their knowledge and solve problems of practice.	Ongoing	CIFR	Part C coordinators, data managers and fiscal staff
Within the Framework Webinar Series	On-demand and live webinar series related to the implementation of the Pyramid Model as an early childhood multi-tiered system of support to promote positive social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes of young children.	Ongoing	NCPMI	Individuals engaged in the implementation of the Pyramid Model
Unpacking Coaching Webinar Series	On-demand and live webinar series related to the use of Practice-Based Coaching to strengthen the implementation of Pyramid Model practices in early intervention and classroom programs. Learn more about fidelity of coaching, variations in coaching formats, coaching caseloads, and coaching related to equity concerns.	Ongoing	NCPMI	State and program leaders, training and technical assistance providers, and practitioner coaches
Implementation and Scale-Up Webinar Series	On-demand and live webinar series related to the implementation and scale up of the Pyramid Model as a Multi-Tiered System of Support within cross-sector early childhood and early intervention programs. Learn more about systems implementation, collaboration, implementation innovations, state and program data systems, evaluation, and sustainability.	Ongoing	NCPMI	State and program leaders, training, and technical assistance providers

Ongoing Learning Opportunities!

Did you know there are ongoing learning opportunities that you might want to join? They cover a variety of topics including child and family outcomes measurement, early childhood inclusion, and more! To learn about the various groups and how to participate, visit:

DaSy Center Learning Communities <https://dasycenter.org/technical-assistance/learning-communities/> and ECTA Learning Communities <https://ectacenter.org/resources/communities.asp>. Webinars and other events of interest can be found on the [Cross-Center calendar](#).