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## Access, Learning & Literacy (ALL)\* Team

- The Technical Assistance and Professional Learning Support Team within the ESSU.

**Kids Mean the World to Us  
Every Kid, All Kids**



## Who We Are

- Consultants in key disability categories, special education and related service disciplines.
- eLearning Specialists
- Secondary Transition and School to Work Specialists
- Structured Literacy Specialists
- See attached handout for names of the ALL Team, their content expertise, and their contact information. This does not include our Part Time Employees.



## We Represent One Federal Grant

- **Colorado Services to Children and Youth with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss Project** – federally funded and specific to learners, birth through 21, who are deaf-blind. AKA Colorado Deaf-Blind Grant
- Free Technical Assistance customized to students' needs
- Annual Child Count
- Annual Summer Institute
- Family Training and Support
- Interveners Preparation / Coaching and Support






## Three Interagency Agreements

- School to Work Alliance Program (SWAP) – with DVR
- Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering within UCD (formerly CO Assistive Technology Project)
- Colorado Instructional Materials Center (CIMC) on the campus of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind



## Key Roles – Training, TA, and Resources

- Provide tiered virtual and face-to-face professional learning and TA to CO AUs.
  - Broad universal and customized training and TA supports based on evidence-based practices, data, general supervision findings, and/or field-specific requests.
- Lead statewide advisory / work groups.
- Offer listservs for field communication
- Develop and disseminate resources



## Supports During the Pandemic

### **COVID-19 Resources Specific to Special Education:**

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped>

### **Learning supports for Students with Disabilities:**

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/covid19-studentlearning>

### **Office Hours:**

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped-covid19>



## CDE Professional Development

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Posted professional learning content that is ALWAYS available, as well as a calendar of professional development across the school year.

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprofessionaldevelopment>



## ALL TEAM – Focus on Access

- [Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering](#)

SWAAAC

A Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering (CIDE) Project  
in Partnership with the Colorado Department of Education

[Loan Library](#)

[Training and Support](#)

[www.swaaac.org](http://www.swaaac.org)



## ALL TEAM – Focus on Access – cont.

- Accommodation Manual (in process of being updated)
- Professional learning events / documents are specific to accessibility needs / key strategies. This may include universal design of learning and specially designed instruction specific to the accessibility needs of SWD.
- Our two E Learning Specialists are creating online professional learning materials that are accessible anytime, anywhere to anyone.



## ALL TEAM - Eligibility

- Guidance documents for eligibility categories:
  - ASD                      ID/ MD                      OHI
  - SED                      SLD                      SLI
- Toolkit and Statewide Training for the Educational Evaluation of ASD
- Heads up – Visual Impairment, Including Blindness is on the docket for a criteria update.
- Additional assistance by request for specific eligibility categories



## Specially Designed Instruction – Mental Health

Mental Health Trainings in development for next year:

### **Technical Assistance**

- Virtual regional meetings for school based mental health professionals. At least one meeting in each region this fall

### **Trainings**

- CSSP 2020 Annual Fall Conference and 2021 Summer Institute
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) Annual Suicide Symposium
- Evidence-based and promising practices for assessing culturally and linguistically diverse populations
- Special Education eligibility training on comprehensive evaluations in partnership with other ALL Team consultants



## Specially Designed Instruction - Social/Emotional/Behavior

- Partnering with Adam State University to provide an 8-week online course on Functional Behavior Analysis and Behavior Intervention Plan development.
  - Technical Assistance is available upon request for functional behavior assessment, behavior plan development and implementation, data collection and analysis, and increasing your behavioral toolbox.
- Offering TA upon request in the area of SED including:
  - Quality Indicators/AN Program Development
  - Social Emotional Learning including an 8-week online course
  - Trauma Informed Practices
- Partnering with the CEC with Behavioral Disorders (CCCBD) to provide the annual Affective Needs Conference
- Partnering with Diversity University to provide Implicit Bias Training



## Specially Designed Instruction – 2020-21 Autism Spectrum Disorder

### **Educational Identification of Autism**

- 2 trainings (Sept/Oct includes 4, 3-hour sessions; Winter: TBD)

### **Communication Toolkit for ASD**

- Moodle format, 2-week course in Feb/March

### **Autism Literacy Institute**

- Tier 1 (Nov/Dec & Feb includes 8, 3-hour sessions, previously 4 days)
- Tier 2 (March includes 3, 3-hour sessions, previously 2 days)

### **Tri-State Collaborative (Colorado/Kansas/Nebraska)**

- Free webinars (45-60 min) throughout the year shared live and archived on ASD website for contact hours

### **Teleschool Project for Challenging Behavior w/Children's Hospital**

- Use behavior analytic practices via virtual platform to support AU referred cases/teams.



## Specially Designed Instruction – Specific Learning Disability

### Writing

- *Strategies to Write Informational Text for Students*

### Reading

- *Assessing, Preventing, and Overcoming Reading Difficulties* (on demand course, option for credit)
- Reading: Online course

### Math:

- *What About Math?* Series of recorded webinars be announced via the SLD web page and the SLD listserv.
- *Mathematics Success for All: Principles to Action for Struggling Learners.* An on-demand webinar series



## Specially Designed Instruction Speech Language Impairment

- Strategies to Write Informational Text for Students support language development needed for writing informational text (online)
- Journal Club four topics for professional learning communities or individual participation (online)
- SLPA Supervision for new supervisors of speech language pathology assistants (online)
- Social Communication and Engagement Triad learn strategies to support the development of communication skills for students with complex communication needs. (online)
- Communication Rating Scales instructional videos (OnDemand)
- Live Virtual trainings on strategies to support literacy skills for students with speech or language impairments





## Specially Designed Instruction Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Monthly Statewide Zoom Meetings and Trainings designed to support the needs of professionals providing services to students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Skills Training for Educational Interpreters , four 7.5 skills on-lining trainings provided by CDE for educational interpreters throughout the school year.
- D/HH Mentors are provided as requested by the district/ AU to professionals working with students who are deaf and hard of hearing and/or to administrators supervising D/HH programs.
- Educational Audiology Collaboration provides opportunities for educational audiologists to connect across the state.



## Specially Designed Instruction – Significant Support Needs

- Roll-out of the new Extended Evidence Outcomes (webinars)
- Online Modules on Instructional Strategies
- Dynamic Learning Map Online Professional Development
- Updates on the Participation Guidelines for the Alternate Standards / Assessment
- Healthy Relationships for Students with Significant Support Needs with focus on the Comprehensive Health and Wellness Standards – in collaboration with the SIE Center at Children’s Hospital
- Targeted Requests through the SSN Network
- Model Site(s) Development



## Technical Assistance & Coaching (Urban and Rural)

- Autism Education Network
- Blindness/Visual Impairment (BVI) Mentor Coaching Support
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Mentors
- Significant Support Needs (SSN) Network
- Serious Emotional Disability (SED)
- SLI - Communication Rating Scales
- TBI / Brain Injury / Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder – AU Specific BrainSTEPS Teams



## Personnel Recruitment for AUs!



- Job postings on CDE ESSU listservs
- Job postings with national organizations
- Work, as invited, with Human Resource personnel in Colorado AUs
- Support of preservice program requirements and development

## Our Goal – What is Helpful to You!

- Please encourage your staff to participate in ALL Team trainings. They are advertised on the CDE website and across ESSU listservs for special education providers.
- Let us know your recruitment and retention needs – we will assist as we can.
- Let us know your customized training and TA needs. We are currently working closely with the general supervision efforts. Extra trainings are tied to FTE and funds.

