Colorado Department of Education Speech Language Advisory Council (SLAC)

SLAC Mission Statement:

The Council believes that Speech-Language Pathologists and Special Educators in Colorado deserve innovative professional development opportunities that address issues, challenges, and evidence-base practices relevant to infants, toddlers, children and adolescents with disabilities. The Council provides advice on policies and procedures for best practices and in the alignment and standardization of services across the state. Council members consist of regional representatives, hospital representatives, school administrators, university liaisons and various other stakeholder groups. Regional Representatives act as liaisons for their regional public school SLP constituents. They are nominated by their Special Education Director to serve in this capacity. Representatives from the Colorado Speech-Language-Hearing Association (CSHA), the university programs (faculty and students), and hospitals were added to the Council to ensure collaboration between significant stakeholders across the state.

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