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## Exceptional Student Services Unit (ESSU) Responsibility List 2019-20

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Medicaid School Health Program	Jill Mathews (Health & Wellness Unit)	<a href="mailto:mathews_j@cde.state.co.us">mathews_j@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6978
Mental Health	Bill Brown	<a href="mailto:brown_b@cde.state.co.us">brown_b@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6712
Monitoring of Ordered Remedies on State Complaints	Michael Ramirez	<a href="mailto:ramirez_m@cde.state.co.us">ramirez_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6991
Monitoring of Ordered Remedies on State Complaints	Candace Hawkins	<a href="mailto:hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us">hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6213
Moodle Courses (CDE's Learning Management System)	Amanda Timmerman*	<a href="mailto:timmerman_a@cde.state.co.us">timmerman_a@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6969
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Multiple Disabilities	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
Multi-Tiered System of Supports (RtI/PBIS)	Lynne DeSousa* (Office of Learning Supports)	<a href="mailto:desousa_l@cde.state.co.us">desousa_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6768
Multi-Tiered System of Supports (RtI/PBIS)	TBD (Office of Learning Supports)		
Multi-Tiered System of Supports (RtI/PBIS)	Samantha Lyon (Office of Learning Supports)	<a href="mailto:lyon_s@cde.state.co.us">lyon_s@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6251
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National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)	Tanni Anthony	<a href="mailto:anthony_t@cde.state.co.us">anthony_t@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6681
National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standards (NIMAS)	Tanni Anthony	<a href="mailto:anthony_t@cde.state.co.us">anthony_t@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6681
New Directors' Orientation	Faye Gibson	<a href="mailto:gibson_f@cde.state.co.us">gibson_f@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6887
Occupational Therapy	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:Herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">Herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
Online Programs	Candice Hawkins*	<a href="mailto:hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us">hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6213
Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialists	Tanni Anthony	<a href="mailto:anthony_t@cde.state.co.us">anthony_t@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6681
Orthopedic Impairment	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
Other Health Impaired	Sarah Blumenthal (Health & Wellness Unit)	<a href="mailto:blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us">blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6779
Parent and Family Professional Learning Opportunities	TBA		
Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)	Joyce Thiessen-Barrett	<a href="mailto:barrett_j@cde.state.co.us">barrett_j@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6757
Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)- Conferences and Website	Pahmela Mendoza	<a href="mailto:mendoza_P@cde.state.co.us">mendoza_P@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6771
Parent Resources and Family Engagement	TBA		

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PEAK Parent Center- ADR work	Mary Anne Fleury	<a href="mailto:fleury_m@cde.state.co.us">fleury_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6649
Physical Therapy	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)	Lynne DeSousa* (Office of Learning Supports)	<a href="mailto:desousa_l@cde.state.co.us">desousa_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6768
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)	TBD (Office of Learning Supports)		
Preschool Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)	Heidi White (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:white_h@cde.state.co.us">white_h@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6720
Preschool Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)	Marcia Blum (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:blum_m@cde.state.co.us">blum_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6319
Preschool Response to Intervention (RtI)	Chris Miller (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:miller_christopher@cde.state.co.us">miller_christopher@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6667
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Preschool Special Education	Chris Miller (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:miller_christopher@cde.state.co.us">miller_christopher@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6667
Preschool Special Education	Marcia Blum (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:blum_m@cde.state.co.us">blum_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6319
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Registered Behavior Technician (RBT)	Brooke Carson	<a href="mailto:carson_b@cde.state.co.us">carson_b@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6691
Residential/Day Treatment	Judy Stirman	<a href="mailto:stirman_j@cde.state.co.us">stirman_j@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6684
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Section 504 - US Dept. of Education - Office for Civil Rights	Contact OCR	<a href="mailto:OCR.Denver@ed.gov">OCR.Denver@ed.gov</a>	303-844-5695
Section 504 Health Concerns	Sarah Blumenthal (Health & Wellness Unit)	<a href="mailto:blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us">blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6779
SEFAC High Cost Student Reimbursement	Vicki Graham	<a href="mailto:graham_v@cde.state.co.us">graham_v@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6442
Serious Emotional Disabilities (SED)	Bill Brown	<a href="mailto:brown_w@cde.state.co.us">brown_w@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6712
Significant Disproportionality	Michael Ramirez	<a href="mailto:ramirez_m@cde.state.co.us">ramirez_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6991
Significant Disproportionality	Miki Imura*	<a href="mailto:imura_m@cde.state.co.us">imura_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6976
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Significant Support Needs Network- SSN Sites	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
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Special Education Personnel Data Reporting	Lauren Rossini	<a href="mailto:rossini_l@cde.state.co.us">rossini_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6688
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Special Education Director Mentor Project	Faye Gibson	<a href="mailto:gibson_f@cde.state.co.us">gibson_f@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6887
Special Education Finance	Vicki Graham*	<a href="mailto:graham_v@cde.state.co.us">graham_v@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6442
Special Education Finance	Moira Blake	<a href="mailto:Blake_M@cde.state.co.us">Blake_M@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6639
Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee (SEFAC)	Vicki Graham	<a href="mailto:graham_v@cde.state.co.us">graham_v@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6442
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State Assessments (CMAS Science & Social Studies)	Gina Herrera	<a href="mailto:herrera_g@cde.state.co.us">herrera_g@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6605
State Assessments (CMAS Science & Social Studies)	Tanni Anthony	<a href="mailto:anthony_t@cde.state.co.us">anthony_t@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6681
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State identified Measurable Result (SiMR) Structured Literacy Project	Ellen Hunter	<a href="mailto:hunter_e@cde.state.co.us">hunter_e@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6244
State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR)	Miki Imura	<a href="mailto:imura_m@cde.state.co.us">imura_m@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6976
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State Special Education Directors' Meetings	Paul Foster	<a href="mailto:foster_p@cde.state.co.us">foster_p@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-4093
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State-Level General Supervision System	Candace Hawkins	<a href="mailto:hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us">hawkins_c@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6213
Statewide Data Management System	Heidi Derr	<a href="mailto:derr_h@cde.state.co.us">derr_h@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6109
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Tuition Rates for Approved Facility Schools	Lauren Rossini	<a href="mailto:rossini_l@cde.state.co.us">rossini_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6688
Tuition Rates for Charter Schools	Lauren Rossini	<a href="mailto:rossini_l@cde.state.co.us">rossini_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6688
Tuition Rates for Online Schools	Lauren Rossini	<a href="mailto:rossini_l@cde.state.co.us">rossini_l@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6688
Twice Exceptional (gifted + disability)	Cynthia Rundquist	<a href="mailto:rundquist_c@cde.state.co.us">rundquist_c@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6232
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Vision Screening (0-5)	Tanni Anthony	<a href="mailto:anthony_t@cde.state.co.us">anthony_t@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6681
Vision Screening (K-12)	Sarah Blumenthal (Health & Wellness Unit)	<a href="mailto:blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us">blumenthal_s@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6779
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Website (Early Childhood Preschool)	Liz Schroeder (P-3 Office)	<a href="mailto:schroeder_e@cde.state.co.us">schroeder_e@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6783
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Website (MTSS/RTI)	TBD (Office of Learning Supports)		
Website (PBIS)	Jason Harlacher (Office of Learning Supports)	<a href="mailto:harlacher_J@cde.state.co.us">harlacher_J@cde.state.co.us</a>	303-866-6242

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