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Shani O'Brien joined CDE on July 18, 2022, as the Speech-Language Pathology Specialist for the ALL team in the Exceptional Student Services Unit. Shani is responsible for supporting speech-language pathologists, speech-language pathology assistants and their students across the state. Previously, Shani worked with Boulder Valley School District as a speech-language pathologist and the SLP liaison. She has been working with students with special needs since she was 19 years old. Shani is also a PhD Candidate in Education Research and Evaluation Methods; her research areas include survey development, data analysis and interpretation, and supporting social development and self-advocacy for neurodiverse teens and young adults. Shani is also an avid gardener, quilter, and reader.