## CONSULTATION

## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



**COLORADO** Department of Education

The Exceptional Student Services Unit's (ESSU) Office of Special Education is available to support Local Education Agencies (LEA) and Administrative Units (AU) with consultative services to help build capacity to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Understanding that schools, LEAs, and AU's are unique according to the needs of their students, the staff of the ESSU is available to provide direct and/or indirect support to schools in identifying evidenced-based practices for improved outcomes. Consultation services will include suggestions for professional development activities to further develop evidence-based interventions and to build system capacity to improve results for students with disabilities.

In order to identify the area(s) of focus, consultation may include an examination of relevant data, including a self-report, in collaboration with local leadership teams. Depending upon the school, some data that may be considered are: percentage of time students with disabilities are receiving best first instruction; use of data for instructional planning; evaluation and IEP implementation timelines; family partnerships; preschool outcomes and kindergarten readiness; over or under identification by race and disability; disciplinary practices; disaggregated graduation and dropout rates; secondary transition IEP data; and post school outcome data.

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