

**Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
Early Childhood, July 2019**

Current Activities of Early Childhood Program Advisor/619 Coordinator:

- First technical assistance conversation with the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) to request assistance to build inclusionary practices in the state of Arkansas. Additional conversations have been scheduled as well as assistance collaborating with other states who have made progress with inclusionary practices
- Reviewing documents developed by the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) for the New 619 Coordinators Collaboration Space
- Reviewing previous guidance and Commissioner Memos to ensure compliance with regulations and changes due to EIDT program consolidation
- Affinity Group Representative for the Central Area of 619 Coordinators

Statewide Collaboration Projects:

- Preschool Development Grant led by DHS
- ELAN (Equity Leaders Action Network) led by Headstart
 - Inequities in preschool services for African American boys
- AAIMH (Arkansas Association of Infant Mental Health)
 - Mental health needs of infants/toddlers/preschoolers and available supports
- Project LAUNCH
 - Developing state and local networks to improve the coordination of the early child-serving system, in particular, behavioral health and primary care services, as well as enhance the practices, programs, and services for young children and their families