

**Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Special Education Unit  
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities  
Early Childhood Special Education, October 2019**

**Current Activities for Early Childhood Program Advisors/619 Coordinator:**

- 619 position is vacant.
- Technical assistance conversations with the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) have been held to help build inclusionary practices for early childhood.
- Monthly meetings are being scheduled with some child care and prekindergarten providers (e.g. Headstart and ABC) to discuss supports and collaboration.

**Current Early Childhood Special Education Technical Assistance:**

- **Consultation Model Training:** a service model that includes training and collaboration with the classroom special education teacher and parents to increase foundational knowledge of effective strategies and Individualized Education Program (IEP) implementation. Presented at:
  - SEAS Conference, July 2019
  - Little Rock Early Childhood Special Education team, August 2019
- **Child Outcomes Training:** explains the procedures for obtaining and reporting Child Outcome data reported in the Annual Performance Report (APR). Presented at:
  - LEA Academy, September 2019
- **Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) for Early Childhood Special Education:** outlines procedures for writing a correct PLAAFP statement as well as common errors to avoid. Presented at:
  - Guy Fenter Education Service Cooperative, August 2019
  - Wilbur Mills Education Service Cooperative, September 2019
- **Early Childhood Special Education Data Trends:** data reported on the APR provided to programs with opportunity to reflect on current trends and plans for improvement. Presented at:
  - LEA Academy, September 2019
- **Site Visits** occurred for the following programs for the purpose of providing support to the programs.
  - North Little Rock
  - Guy Fenter Education Service Cooperative
  - Little Rock
  - Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative
  - Arkansas School for the Blind
  - Arkansas School for the Deaf
  - Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative
  - Wilbur Mills Education Service Cooperative

### **Statewide Collaboration Projects:**

- **Preschool Development Grant** led by DHS to look into a plan for Trauma Informed Care in Arkansas.
- **Natural Wonders** A workgroup for people interested in the various aspects of child health in order to learn and understand the problems facing Arkansas' youth.
- **AECCIG** (Arkansas Early Childhood Collaborative Impact Group: formerly AECCS Medical Home Workgroup) Work on drafting recommendations and providing feedback for the plan and standards for Better Beginnings.
- **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
- **Pritzker Grant** Planning grant and initiative to allow a team to develop a well-informed plan for infant and toddler support within the broader realm of developing successful children overall.

### **Professional Conference Participation by the Early Childhood Team:**

- Attended the CAST (Universal Design for Learning) Symposium in Cambridge, MA in July 2019
- AECA (Arkansas Early Childhood Association) Conference in Little Rock, AR in October 2019
- PLC Institute (Professional Learning Communities) in San Antonio, TX in October 2019
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) National Conference in Nashville, TN in November 2019