Cooperative Grant Programs

Assistive Technology Project (ATP)

Assistive Technology Partnership/Education provides statewide assistive technology services to children (birth to twenty-one) with disabilities, as well as provide assistive technology support for families, caregivers, teachers, and service providers.

Brain Injury Regional School Support Team (BIRSST)

ESU 10 is a part of the Central Region Brain Injury School Support Team (BIRSST) which is sponsored through the Nebraska Department of Education. Teams are available to provide consultative services to schools working with students who have sustained brain injuries, including concussions. In addition, BIRSST teams can provide educators and parents with materials and training to support students with brain injuries.

Central Region Autism Spectrum Disorders Team (CRASDT)

The Central Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Region is part of the Nebraska ASD Network which was created by the Nebraska Department of Education. The network is composed of five regional teams throughout Nebraska. The goal of the network is to provide quality educational opportunities in the least restrictive educational environment by enhancing local school district capacity for children with autism spectrum disorder.

Early Childhood Planning Region Teams (PRT)

Early Childhood Planning Region Teams are supported through the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. These state co-lead agencies are responsible for planning, implementation, and administration of the Federal Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities (Part C of IDEA).

Improving Learning for Students with Disabilities (ILCD)

Improving Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD) is the process by which schools evaluate and make improvements in the area of Special Education. ESU 10 helps facilitate this process with member schools and serves as a liaison with the Nebraska Department of Education.

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Special Education Department

What does the ESU 10's Special Education Department do?

ESU 10 provides services

- For students with disabilities from birth through age 21 to approximately 35 school districts and a number of non-public schools.
- Primarily in Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Howard, Loup, Sherman, and Valley counties.

Purpose

The purpose of ESU 10's Special Education Department is to aid school districts in:

- Identifying infants, toddlers, and school-age students with disabilities
- Assessing individual educational needs
- Providing a wide range of educational services to meet those needs

How

ESU 10 offers the following cooperative and contracted services to meet the needs of member districts:

- Administrative Services
- Diagnostic and Evaluation Services
- Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy Services
- Programs for Students with Impairments in Hearing and Vision
- Vocational Training Programs

Evaluation and Verification

- Referrals for educational testing can be made through local school districts by parents, teachers, physicians, and other agencies.
- Evaluations are completed by Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDTs).
- The MDT, which includes the parent(s), determines if the student is eligible for special education and related services. If eligible, educational needs are identified to develop an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).



Cooperative Programs and Services

Audiology

- Provide hearing screenings and evaluations
- Provide consultation to assess needs and select and fit hearing assistive devices for individual and classroom use
- Provide training and support to students and school personnel
- Serve as a liaison between medical/clinical professionals and school personnel

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- Assess the educational needs and make recommendations for students who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Assist districts with program planning
- Provide information and support for families

Occupational and Physical Therapy

- Serve eligible students with educationally related motor needs (non-medical)
- Provide services in conjunction with other special education programs
- Support children's access to and participation in educational activities

School Psychology

- Complete psycho-educational evaluations
- Assist in implementation of teaching and learning strategies for students with disabilities
- Research and identify best practices in special education
- Facilitate district-level problem solving processes

Speech-Language Pathology

- Provide comprehensive evaluations for the following disorders or delays: speech, sound, language, fluency (stuttering), cognitive-communication, and voice
- Provide services for students with speech/ language disorders using multiple delivery systems (one-on-one, group and classroom settings)
- Consult with parents, teachers, and other team members

Secondary Transition

- Assist districts with transition plans for students with disabilities
- Assist districts with program planning
- Complete vocational and interest evaluations
- Develop job sites for students with disabilities
- Serve as a liaison between districts and potential employers

Vision

- Assess the educational needs and make recommendations for students who are partially sighted and/or blind
- Assist districts with program planning
- Provide specialized services for students who are blind, partially sighted and with

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Involve me and I learn.
-Benjamin Franklin