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Multi-tiered System of
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Special Education - School Age (IDEA Part B)

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Secondary Transition Support
Behavioral Supports
SPED Equity Team

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Secondary Transition Support
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State & Federal Part B Data Reporting
Disproportionality Reporting
Improved Learning for Children with Disabilities (ILCD) Support
NSSRS/Adviser Support
Staff Reporting

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Secondary Transition Support
SPED Equity Team
Systems Involved Youth



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Indicator 14 Annual Reporting

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ACT, NSCAS, Alternate Assessment Support
School Age Accommodation Support
Monitoring Co-Lead

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SPED Literacy/NebraskaREADS Support
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SPED Equity Team
SPED Math Support
Assessment Support

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Educational Interpreters
Blind and Visually Impaired
Federal Deaf-Blind Grant Director
District Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) Support
Nebraska Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) State Coordinator

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State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Coordinator
Dispute Resolution Coordinator
PEaK Project Support

Early Intervention (IDEA Part C) - Early Development Network

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IDEA Part B/619-Preschool Special Education and
IDEA Part C-Early Intervention
Part C Monitoring
Part B/619 and Part C Policies/Procedures
Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council

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ECSE Support Staff
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Cole Johnson
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(PRT)/ Early Intervention
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Planning Region Team (PRT) Support
PRT Grant/Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)
PRT Public Reporting/Determinations
Federal Early Intervention (Part C) Data Reporting



Early Childhood Special Education

Heather Ottoson
Preschool – 619 Coordinator
Early Childhood Specialist
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IDEA Part B/619- Preschool Special Education – Policies and Procedures
IDEA Part B/619 Monitoring
IEP/ECSE Support for ages 3-5
Results Matter (Teaching Strategies Gold)
Kindergarten Enrollment for children on IEPs

Ginny Howard
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IDEA Part B/619 Monitoring
Early Childhood MTSS
Pyramid Model
Results Matter (Teaching Strategies Gold)

IDEA/Special Education Finance

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IDEA Grant Management
Maintenance of Effort AFR and AFR Changes Eligibility and Exceptions
SPED funding (State and Federal)
Split Administrator Funding

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CEIS Fiscal Support
Flex Funding Applications
Non-Public Proportionate Share

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IDEA Application
Grants Management System (GMS)
PEaK Project Fiscal Support
Service Agency/Provider Rate

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Contracts & Contract-Related Payments

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Cooperative Agreements / Grant Awards



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