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Multi-tiered System of
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Behavioral Supports
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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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Indicator 13 Co-Lead
Indicator 14 Lead
Secondary Transition Support
SPED Disproportionality Team
Systems Involved Youth



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Indicator 14 Annual Reporting

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SPED Disproportionality Team
SPED Math Support
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Blind and Visually Impaired
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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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Cole Johnson
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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

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

Kristine Ray
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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

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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