



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Dear Colleague:

The United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) will host the 2017 OSEP Leadership Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia on July 17-19, 2017. The conference will provide an important opportunity for participants to build and strengthen partnerships with colleagues from other States, and to enhance leadership roles through sessions led by experts in the field and through the discussion of evidence-based practices. The invited participants for the meeting are representatives from State education agencies for IDEA Part B, including State Directors and Section 619 (preschool) Coordinators and their staff; IDEA Part C Coordinators and their staff; IDEA Part B and Part C Data Managers; IDEA Part D Technical Assistance Providers; Parent Training Center Directors and staff; State Advisory Councils; and State Interagency Coordinating Councils. You may find additional information about the conference on the following website:

<https://www.osepideasthatwork.org/osep-meeting>.

We hope you will be able to attend this national meeting because your participation is critical to enhancing your agency's capacity to strengthen relationships with other State education and lead agencies, to develop and implement a high-quality State Systemic Improvement Plan, and to improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families.

We look forward to continuing our work with you, as we make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities and their families!

Sincerely,

/s/

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