

## Consortium of State 619 Coordinators Early Childhood Special Education

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### Mission Statement

The 619 Consortia is a national group comprised of the early childhood special education coordinator in each state and territory with responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 619. The consortia was established to collectively promote collaboration and communication amongst state 619 leaders and other early childhood partners. The goal is to ensure that eligible children, ages three through five with disabilities, are provided a high quality educational opportunity with non-disabled peers that result in positive outcomes for each individual child.

### History

The 619 Consortium originated as an informal organization of 619 Coordinators across the country with interests and responsibilities related to children, ages 3 through 5 with disabilities, and their families. There are no dues, no by-laws, and no elected officers. The consortium elects one representative from each of the six federal regional resource center regions. These representatives comprise the 619 Steering Committee. In addition, Coordinators have volunteered for a 619 Strategic Planning Committee to organize thoughts and actions for the 619 Consortium to consider during the annual 619 Business Meeting.

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