

for Special Education n Services and

- Congratulations!
- Katherine Johnson –
Program Manager for Instruction and
Systemic Improvement

New Personnel for Special Education

- Emily Adams -start date 10/03/2022
- Lisa Buckner -start date -10/03/2022
- Dominique Donaldson – start date - 10/17/2022
- Ira Williamson-Groomes – start date - 10/17/2022
- Kriszti Kilpatrick -start date – 11/01/2022
- Tracy Barber Jones- start date - 10/17/2022

Great News!

- The State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) was awarded in September at over \$7,000,000 over a 5-year period.
- The Teacher/Provider Retention Grant was renewed in September for another year at \$500,000.



Discipline Professional Learning

- New OSEP Discipline Guidance
- Technical Assistance Sessions scheduled in-person at Middle Georgia State University in Macon on November 3rd or 4th.
 - LEAs may attend either day – same content.
 - [Statewide Discipline Training \(jotform.com\)](http://jotform.com)



Important Updates

MEMORANDUM: OSEP 22-01 — Personnel Qualifications under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). (Oct. 4, 2022)

- **IDEA WEBSITE: PDF and HTML at this link:** <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/osep-memorandum-personnel-qualifications-under-part-b-of-the-individuals-with-disabilities-education-act-idea-osep-22-01-oct-4-2022/>
- **PDF Link:** [Memorandum: OSEP 22-01 -- Personnel Qualifications under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\). Oct. 4, 2022](#)

Important Updates

- Public Notice of ESSA Alternate Assessment Cap Waiver 2022-2023
 - Draft ESSA Alternate Assessment 1.0 Percent Cap Waiver Request
- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Head Start are releasing new documents to encourage collaboration between state educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and Head Start programs to effectively meet the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements.
 - [*Dear Colleague Letter on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Services in Head Start*](#)
 - [*Guidance on Creating an Effective Memorandum of Understanding to Support High Quality Inclusive Early Childhood Systems*](#)

DYSLEXIA

- The International Dyslexia Association of Georgia, The Reading League of Georgia, and the Georgia Department of Education have partnered to bring a live webinar. This event is FREE and OPEN to all. Please read the full article in the eblast today. Unraveling Dyslexia: A Closer Look at the GaDOE Dyslexia Video Series (#1) - Wednesday, October 26, 2022.
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unraveling-dyslexia-a-closer-look-at-the-gadoe-dyslexia-video-series-1-tickets-430327399837?fbclid=IwAR3nRMuy9iJrSvBT3kJg8Z4gcrrQR49Hq4Tv4Zr8QEJ6WLd3NLEXMZPrUnU>
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