



Regional Educational Laboratory Southwest



Leading the Way: How States Are Addressing Early Learning Under ESSA

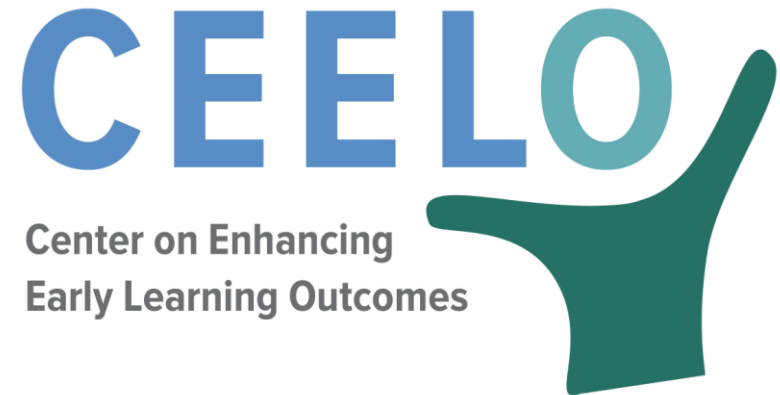
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Collaborative Bridge Event Webinar



Goal

To provide participants with current information on how state education agency leaders are including evidence-based practices for children preK–grade 3 in their state plans for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



Webinar Outcomes

As a result of their participation, attendees will:

- Gain a better understanding of the resources available to support states in developing their ESSA draft plans
- Increase their knowledge of strategies for including evidence-based practices in early childhood education in ESSA state plans
- Become aware of specific examples of ESSA state plans that include provisions for early childhood education

Presenters

- Lori Connors-Tadros, Ph.D., Director of CEELO (Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes)
- Tonya Williams, Director, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, Arkansas Department of Human Services
- Jenna Conway, Assistant Superintendent, Early Childhood, Louisiana Department of Education
- Richard Lower, Director, Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning, Office of Great Start, Michigan Department of Education
- Robert Butts, Senior Advisor for Governmental Relations (formerly Assistant Superintendent of Early Learning), Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

REL Southwest Research Alliances

- Arkansas Prekindergarten
- Louisiana Charter Schools
- New Mexico Achievement Gap
- New Mexico Prekindergarten
- Oklahoma Rural Schools
- Texas Hispanic STEM
- Educator Effectiveness
- English Learners Research Alliance



REL Southwest Prekindergarten Research Projects and Events

- Arkansas Prekindergarten Data Inventory
- Using Arkansas Research Center Data to Promote Data-Driven Practices Among Educators in Prekindergarten Settings
- PreK Participation Study and GIS Mapping Study
- New Mexico Transportation and Preschool Access Study
- Kindergarten Observation Tool Validation Study
- New Mexico Kindergarten Readiness Study