



Directory of State Early Learning Contacts— 2015



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LETTER FROM CEELO

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Dear Colleagues,

The Directory of State Early Learning Contacts continues to be as useful and relevant as we hoped it would be when we first envisioned a one-stop resource to connect state leaders in the birth through third grade system. The positive feedback we've received from many of you illustrates the Directory's ability to support increased communication and connections both in state and across state lines.

Recognizing that the information in the directory isn't static, we aim to re-verify and re-publish the Directory twice a year to ensure the information is current. In December 2014, the contacts in each state received an e-mail requesting a review of their state information. Updates were compiled and changes were entered to create this latest iteration of the Directory. If you know of changes or corrections, please forward these to info@ceelo.org.

In general, we have limited the contacts to those positions that operate in every, or almost every, state. We'd appreciate any suggestions for additional contacts that should be included for each state, again send along to info@ceelo.org.

Finally, we would like to thank all those in the Directory for taking the time to review their information and provide feedback in the midst of their demanding schedules.

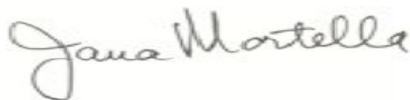
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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACF	Administration for Children and Families-HHS
CEELO	Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes
CCDF	Child Care Development Fund
CCSSO	Council of Chief State School Officers
CCTAN	Child Care Technical Assistance Network
DCA-EL Lead	Department of Children’s Affairs—Early Learning Lead
EC	Early Childhood
ED	Department of Education
ECLKC	Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center
HHS	Health and Human Services
NIEER	National Institute for Early Education Research
OCC	Office of Child Care-HHS
OEL	Office of Early Learning-ED
OHS	Office of Head Start-HHS
OSEP	Office of Special Education Programs
RTT-ELC	Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge
SEA	State Education Agency
TA	Technical Assistance

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One of 22 Comprehensive Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes (CEELO) will strengthen the capacity of State Education Agencies (SEAs) to lead sustained improvements in early learning opportunities and outcomes. CEELO will work in partnership with SEAs, state and local early childhood leaders, and other federal and national technical assistance (TA) providers to promote innovation and accountability.

Based on the priorities established by the U.S. Department of Education, CEELO staff, partners, and experts will work with SEAs and other decision-makers to achieve the following goals:

- Improve states' knowledge about and use of early childhood comprehensive assessment systems
- Enhance the use of assessment data and other information to improve program quality
- Increase the knowledge and skills of the early learning workforce
- Strengthen the alignment of birth through 3rd grade educational policies and systems
- Increase the coordination of resources and policies across statewide systems

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