The Office of Special Education Educational Partnership

The OSE Educational Partnership is designed to:
- Provide a structure that facilitates systems change efforts and sustainability of those changes;
- Encourage and promote culturally and linguistically responsive and sustaining educational practices that includes families and communities as valued partners;
- Promote greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of high-quality services to families and professionals;
- Create a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary team approach focused on principles from NYSED’s Blueprint for Improved Results for Students with Disabilities that supports our stakeholders; and
- Rely on data-based problem-solving and decision-making as well as the use of evidence-based practices.

The OSE Educational Partnership is comprised of the Technical Assistance Partnerships and the Regional Teams.

Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAPs)
OSE funds five TAPs:
- TAP for Academics
- TAP for Behavior
- TAP for Data
- TAP for Equity
- TAP for Transition

The TAPs provide professional development to the regional teams and develop materials for various stakeholders. A website for the Educational Partnership is currently under development and will be home to many of these materials, as well as a community resource map.

Regional Teams

The regional teams are made up of the Regional Partnership Centers (RPC), Early Childhood Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Centers, and School-age FACE Centers. Regional teams provide direct training and support to families, approved preschool and school-age programs, public schools and districts, and community partners. The RPCs and FACE Centers:
- Promote meaningful change within the educational system;
- Build collaborative school/community relationships;
- Promote family and community engagement within the educational system;
- Provide information and training in the areas of literacy, behavior, transition, specially designed instruction, and equity; as well as
- Provide information and training about available service options for students from early childhood through high school.
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