

## **Office of Special Education (OSE) Educational Partnership**

The purpose of the OSE Educational Partnership is to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and provide effective support for educational organizations and families. The OSE Educational Partnership is a coordinated and cohesive network of support focused on enhancing services and supports for students with disabilities from early childhood and school-age to engagement in post-school opportunities. The Partnership goal is to increase organizational capacity using an intensive team approach to technical assistance and professional development that is implemented with consistency across New York State.

Each of the 12 regions in New York State have at least one Early Childhood Family and Community Engagement Center (FACE) with a total of 14 across the state. The Early Childhood FACE Center staff includes a Professional Development Specialist and a Resource and Referral Specialist. The role of the Professional Development Specialist is to provide technical assistance and professional development to a variety of stakeholders. The Resource and Referral Specialist provides regional training and support, made available to families and other stakeholders as well as identify and maintain regional resource information for community partners that children/students with disabilities and their families, birth to 5. The Early Childhood FACE Centers work collaboratively with the Regional Partnership Center (RPC) to provide technical assistance and professional development that will promote meaningful family involvement within the educational system, build collaborative community relationships, and provide information about available service options and delivery systems for children from birth- age five. Families of children from birth to five can use the resource and referral services provided by the Early Childhood FACE Centers.

General and contact information related to both the Early Childhood and School-Age Family and Community Engagement Centers can be found on our website.

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/techassist/ed-partnership/home.html>