In November, 2018 the Kentucky Department of Education went through a reorganization that resulted in the Division of Learning Services being elevated to the Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL). The structure OSEEL includes office-level staff dedicated to policy, data, finance, and communication. The three divisions are broken into: the Division of IDEA Implementation and Preschool, Division of IDEA Monitoring and Results, and Division of State Schools. The graphic below provides a visual outlines the structure of OSEEL:
**Mission:**
The mission of OSEEL is to improve educational outcomes from diverse students and early learners through effective support, technical assistance, training, coaching and guidance.

**Office level staff include:**
Gretta Hylton, Associate Commissioner
Pam Ayer, Executive Secretary
Tracy Goff-Herman, Policy Analyst
Karla Miller, Education Financial Analyst
Amy Patterson, IDEA Part-B Data Manager
Joe McCowan, Communications / Advisory Liaison

**Contract Positions that Support OSEEL’s Mission:**
Emma Riley, Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project Transition Coordinator
Jonathan Compton, IDEA Fiscal Liaison
Chris Thacker, IDEA Data and Fiscal Support
Roger Lacy, IDEA General Supervision Support
Gary Martin, Grants Management and System Support
Mike Waford, Behavior Specialist with Coaching and Support

**IDEA Funding SY 2018-19:**
Local Education Agency “Flow-Through” Funds: $145,988,741
State Administration Funds: $3,498,062
State-Set Aside / Discretionary Funds: $16,245,336
OSEEL Funded Partners That Assist with Fulfilling the Mission of OSEEL:

OSEEL Funded Partners:
- University of Kentucky
  - Teachers of Visually Impaired
  - Center on Trauma and Children
  - Deaf/Blind Support Contracts
  - Post-Secondary Support
  - Special Education Consortium
  - Human Development Institute Technical Assistance
  - State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
  - Community Based Work Transition Program
- University of Louisville
  - Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC)
  - Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention (ABRI)
  - State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- Eastern Kentucky University
  - Interpreter Training
  - Center for Instructional Discipline (KYCID)
- Northern Kentucky University
  - Traineeship
- Murray State University
  - Alternative Certification Program
- Heuser Hearing
- Visually Impaired Preschool Services
- Lexington Hearing and Speech
- Very Special Arts
- Kentucky Special Involvement Network (KYSPIN)
- TAEESE
  - Complaint Investigator
  - SACEC
  - Legal Issues
  - Dispute Resolution
- JAVITS
- Gifted and Talented
- IDEA Legal Mediators

**OSEEL Serves:**

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