

WestEd

State Personnel Development Grant Partner



The Center for Prevention & Early Intervention (CPEI) provides training and technical assistance in policy development, translation of research to practice, systems evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based practices in support of children and youth (birth through age 22) with, or at risk for, disabilities and their families.

CPEI partners with state and local education and human service agencies to build capacity to promote a comprehensive approach to improving developmental, academic, and behavioral outcomes for children and youth. Strategies and tools include effective practices to build the capacity of systems and educators and other providers as they implement and support successful outcomes for diverse populations.

The following WestEd personnel have been identified to work on Arizona's SPDG: Dona Meinders, Debra Herburger, and Kevin Schaefer. Dona Meinders leads the work of CPEI to improve academic and behavioral outcomes for students with disabilities and other special needs in the Pre K-12 education system. Debra Herburger is a CPEI Senior Program Associate who provides technical assistance and support as a special education training specialist. Kevin Schaefer is the CPEI Assistant Director of Special Programs who leads the work to align individualized education programs (IEPs) to the standards and provides technical assistance on access to the standards for students with disabilities.

WestEd is working with the SPDG Compliance Team to produce 12 online modules that guide district and school personnel to achieve systems change that supports increased reading achievement for students with disabilities in grades 4-8. The WestEd team will present the modules to three pilot districts, three Focus or Pre-Intervention schools, and the SPDG Cadre as a means to pilot the modules for further use throughout the state.

