



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Nebraska Department of Education - Office of Special Education

Amy Rhone, Director/Administrator
402-471-4323

Kris Elmshaeuser, Assistant Director
402-471-6429

Support Staff: Leslie Galloway 402-471-2598

Special Education General Support

Support Staff: Nicole Leafly 402-471-4300

Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS)
and Response to Intervention (RTI):
Amy Rhone 402-471-4323

Complaint Process/Dispute Resolution:
Amy Rhone 402-471-4323

Personnel/Certification:
Amy Rhone 402-471-4323

Medicaid in Public Schools:
Cole Johnson 402-471-4318

Residency: Amy Rhone 402-471-4323

State/Court Wards:
Jamie Chambers 402-471-4312

Private School/Non-Public:
Kris Elmshaeuser 402-471-6429

Transportation (non-payment):
Kris Elmshaeuser 402-471-6429

CEIS Program Support:
Robyn Okamoto 402-471-4341

Behavior/Discipline:
Jamie Chambers 402-471-4312

Paraeducators: Rhea Hochstein
402-471-4302

Special Education - School Age Support

Teresa Coonts, IDEA Low Incidence
and Autism Director
402-471-4310

Autism
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Educational Interpreters
Blind and Visually Impaired
Deaf-Blind

Nebraska Instructional Materials Access Center
(NIMAC)

Robyn Okamoto, Special Education Data
Manager
402-471-4341

Improved Learning for Children with Disabilities
(ILCD) 3.0 Support
NSSRS/Advisor Support
State and Federal Reporting
Disproportionality Reporting
Staff Reporting

Accountability: Kelly Wojcik 402-471-4303

State Systemic Improvement Plan
District TIP Support
PEaK Project

Assessment including Alternate/
Accommodations:
Sharon Heater 402-471-4356

Secondary Transition:
Theresa Hayes 402-471-4304

Literacy/NebraskaREADS:
Rhea Hochstein 402-471-4302

**Early Intervention/Early Development
Network**

Amy Bunnell, Early Childhood Special
Education Supervisor/Part C Coordinator
402-471-0817

Support Staff: Karen Hoffman 402-471-4829

IDEA Part C – Early Intervention
Part C Monitoring
Part C Policies/Procedures
Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating
Council

Cole Johnson, Planning Region Team (PRT)
Director/Early Intervention Data Manager
402-471-4318

IDEA Part C – Planning Region Team Support
PRT Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) PRT
Public
Reporting/Determinations

State Personnel Development Grant

Coordinator: George Toman
Gtoman1610@gmail.com
Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Early Childhood Special Education

Heather Pohl, Preschool IDEA Age 3-4,
402-471-4319

Preschool IEP Support
Kindergarten Enrollment for children on IEPs
Results Matter

Ginny Howard, Early Childhood Specialist
402-471-6695

Early Childhood MTSS
Teaching Strategies Gold
Pyramid

IDEA/Special Education Finance

Greg Prochazka, Fiscal Director
402-471-4314

Maintenance of Effort
AFR and AFR Changes
Eligibility and Exceptions
Split Administrator Funding

Flex Funding Projects: Kris Elmshaeuser
402-471-6429

Suzie Pierce, Fiscal Specialist
402-471-4333

IDEA Application
Grants Management System (GMS)
Service Agency/Provider Rate
PEaK Project Fiscal Support

Contracts/Payments:
Support Staff: Nicole Leafy 402-471-4300

Cooperative Agreements/Grant Awards:
Support Staff: Katherine Williamson
531-510-7043

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Office of Special Education Main Line	402-471-2471
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Chris Chambers	402-471-4304
Jamie Chambers	402-471-4312
Teresa Coonts	402-471-4310
Kris Elmshaeuser	402-471-6429
Leslie Galloway	402-471-2598
Jo Gunderson	402-471-4305
Theresa Hayes	402-471-4304
Sharon Heater	402-471-4356
Rhea Hochstein	402-471-4302
Karen Hoffman	402-471-4829
Ginny Howard	402-471-6695
Cole Johnson	402-471-4318
Nicole Leafy	402-471-4300
Mary Lenser	402-471-2744
Robyn Okamoto	402-471-4303
Suzie Pierce	402-471-4333
Heather Pohl	402-471-4319
Greg Prochazka	402-471-4314
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