

Calendar of Events

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November 21, 2019
- November 22, 2019

Northeast Special Education Leadership Series- Fall Meeting

**21 Atwells Avenue
providence, RI 02903**

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BACKGROUND

For many years the Regional Resource Centers (RRCs) organized and supported two meetings of state directors in the region each year. A Dispute Resolution staff coincided with one of the meetings. With the close of the RRC Program, NASDSE is convening and facilitating this important interaction through an annual subscription to the Northeast Special Education Leadership Series. Based on input from state directors, the 2019 and 2020 series includes three meetings: two of State Directors of Special Education and a separate meeting of state Dispute Resolution staff.

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY NASDSE

Each Forum will be hosted over two days. Meetings of State Directors will be held in the Fall and Spring. The participating states will set dates. The meeting of Dispute Resolution staff will be held at a time mutually agreeable to participating states.

The agenda will be developed with the participants to meet their needs and enable them to learn from and with each other about current and emerging issues. Joanne Cashman will serve as the organizer and onsite facilitator of each Forum. Additional NASDSE staff or other content experts may be included to provide information on specific issues on site or virtually, as needed.

In regard to content, NASDSE will:

schedule each Forum at a time and location that meets the needs of the state directors in the region;

plan an agenda with the participants that meets their expressed needs;

prepare and share a draft of the agenda and materials prior to the meeting;

finalize online and hard copies for use during the meeting;

prepare a meeting summary with live links to relevant materials shared during the meeting;

organize and lead virtual follow-up, as needed;

maintain a virtual site developed for the Forum Series.

In regard to logistics, NASDSE will:

assume responsibility for all tasks associated with logistics for the Forums;

work with state directors in the northeast region to identify their preferences on the Forum dates and meeting location;

identify and secure a location that fits the agenda;

organize onsite arrangements for facilities, equipment, and meals;

negotiate a room block rate at the conference hotel;

work with support staff in the state agency to facilitate the participation of the state director;