Kansas State Department of Education
Special Education Services - TASN
Fact Sheet 2012-2013

General Information about the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN)

- Provides support to all districts in Kansas
- Designed to enhance the capacity of local school districts to implement evidence-based practices related to results and compliance indicators contained in the SPP, APR and the implementation of MTSS.
- By establishing and maintaining communication and work alignment of all SES technical assistance providers in the network, TASN provides coordinated support that leads to improved outcomes for Kansas children and families.
- TASN is funded through IDEA Part B, Part D, and Section 619 funding.
- First year TASN coordination 2011

TASN Partners

- Families Together, Inc.
- Kansas Parent Information Resource Center
- Kansas Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- Kansas State School for the Blind
- KSDE Special Education Services
- Northeast Kansas Education Service Center - Keystone
- Pittsburg State University - Department of Education
- Southeast Kansas Education Service Center – Greenbush
- Texas Tech University
- United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago
- University of Kansas - Beach Center on Disability
- University of Kansas - Center on Development Disabilities
- University of Kansas - Center for Research on Learning (CRL)
- University of Nebraska
- Utah State University - Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education

Website

Information and support can be accessed at http://www.ksdetasn.org

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Supports Provided

- Leadership, guidance, and support for exceptional learners receiving special education services throughout Kansas
- Provides a single point of access to all services provided through TASN
- Recruitment of qualified teachers for high-need positions and retention of effective teachers through the Kansas Educational Employment Board (KEEB)
- Assists in the procurement of, Braille, large print, or recorded textbooks and other educational materials for Kansas students who are blind/visually impaired
- Access to assistive technology information, equipment, and training and instructional resources based on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Supports the preparation and mentoring of teachers of students who are blind or visually impaired and certified orientation and mobility specialists
- eMentoring for Student Success (eMSS) supporting early career special education staff
- Access to an on-line repository of digitized instructional materials including textbooks and other classroom related printed materials
- Supports a state-wide network of facilitators to support schools in the implementation of MTSS
- Facilitates districts through the process of establishing district-wide MTSS
- Professional learning and support for early intervention and early childhood education
- Supports staff and students who have Autism
- Supports schools implementing MTSS for behavior with capacity to implement effective tertiary behavior supports
- Professional learning and support regarding student engagement in secondary schools, improving transition services, and improving post-school outcomes for students with disabilities
- Professional learning and support to enhance performance of students with disabilities in reading and math in the Least Restrictive Environment

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