Strengthening Partnerships
Shared Leadership
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Strengthening Partnerships through Shared Leadership

- Over 300 leaders
- Early Intervention birth to five leaders
- Early Childhood leaders
- Representatives from all OCDEL Bureaus
- Representatives from Children’s Mental Health and Autism Bureaus
- Advocates and families
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Goals:

• Identify quality and effective partnerships
• Learn strategies for maintaining and expanding successful collaborative partnerships
• Identify resources and supports to help strengthen local partnerships for the implementation of the OCDEL announcements on inclusion and reducing suspension and expulsion
OCDEL’s Vision and Goals
OCDEL Goals: A Framework of Equity

• Access to high-quality child care for all families

• Access to education, career pathways and a responsive coaching system for all early care and learning professionals

• Equitably distributed resources to families and providers

• Continuous quality improvement, feedback loops, and system evaluation

• Sustainable funding

• Programs and policies that address bias
OCDEL’s Change Strategy

Raising the bar increases expectations for outcomes and results.

Raising the floor increases the knowledge, skills, abilities and capacities of the professionals doing the work.
Our Focus

• Expanding our definition of and policies related to including all children
  • Children with special needs, children born into or living in poverty, children who are dual language learners

• Confronting bias, promoting equity
  • Pulling away from thinking that equal services and supports are enough

• Data driven decision-making
  • Using the right data
  • Considering our overarching goals and the narrative we can tell about children and outcomes
Conference Format Reflects OCDEL Goals

• National perspectives
• Sessions on inclusive practices and tools to reduce suspension and expulsion
• Wednesday facilitated discussion groups to solicit feedback for additional strategies and supports
Presentation that links state leadership and federal:

• Sharon Walsh
  • Consultant, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center and the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Data Systems