

Office of Federal Programs

The Georgia Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs provides technical assistance, program monitoring, and resources to local educational agencies (LEAs) implementing federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) grants and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grants. Additionally, this office provides the necessary infrastructure to support local school districts in their efforts to provide special education-related services for students with disabilities and services and supports for English learners.

Office of Federal Programs - Organizational Chart

Division of Federal ESSA Programs

Division of Special Education Services and Supports



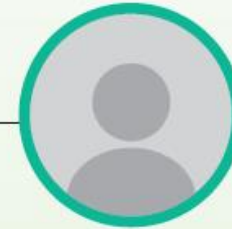
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Communication Matrix Training

Join us for this day-long, practical training that will give you all of the tools you need to use the Communication Matrix with your students. This training will benefit teachers and staff who work directly with children with severe communication difficulties. It will also assist in helping LEAs reduce the percentage of students on the Georgia Alternate Assessment.

LEAs are encouraged to send **teams** of several individuals in order to maximize the impact of the training. Those who attend the in-person conference will also be given access to the presenters in a virtual coaching format throughout the 2024-2025 school year.

Communication Matrix Training

- **Location:** Foothills Training Center, Athens, GA
- **Date:** September 4th & 5th – register for one day
- **Time:** 9:00-4:00
- **Registration** [Communication Matrix Training - GaDOE Community](#)
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