# SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WORKGROUP

Meeting 1



#### Workgroup Purpose

In collaboration with and in support of the development of the new agency, this workgroup will develop specific recommendations to align and improve early childhood services, programs, and supports for children special needs, their families, and the practitioners who support them.

This workgroup will have an intentional focus on

- Promoting inclusion of children with special needs in their natural environment/least restrictive environments,
- Improving social-emotional skills and knowledge (outcomes)
- Creating seamless transitions from services under IDEA Part C/Early Intervention to IDEA Part B 619/ECSE, and then onto IDEA Part B 611/K-12
- Identifying opportunities for structural program alignment between Part C and Part B 619 (e.g., determine connections under one agency or multiple agencies)
- Identifying professional development opportunities for early childhood practitioners (e.g., child care, etc.)

#### **Introductions**





**NAME** 

ONE REASON WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS WORKGROUP













Stay engaged

Speak your truth in a safe space

Take space, make space

Allow time for interpretation

Experience discomfort- and name it









Show empathy

Expect and accept lack of closure

Come prepared to actively participate in meetings

Presume best intent

### Community **Agreements**

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