



# State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)

## State Leadership Team

### Roles & Responsibilities:

**Jennifer Coffey** Office of Special Education Programs/SPDG Project office, US Dept of Education

**Brandi Gerry (0.5 FTE Co-coordinator)** - Brandi will assist with developing and organizing PLD, act as the liaison to districts for budgets, contracts, and invoices, coordinate data collection and reporting, as well as disseminate project specific information to a variety of audiences. Brandi will coordinate and serve as a member of the State Leadership Team and the SPDG Advisory Group. Brandi will also work with the SD Parent Connection.

**Teresa Berndt (0.5 FTE Co-coordinator, funded by state dollars)** - Teresa will serve as a co-director for the SD SPDG and serve on the State Leadership Team. Teresa will support the provision of PLD, with special emphasis on the literacy strategies, coaching, and professional development. She will also provide administrative oversight to this project, including serving as the liaison to district leadership teams and the SPDG Advisory Group.

**Dawn Smith** - Dawn will serve on both the State Leadership Team and as the DOE Lead for the Family Engagement component of the grant. She will provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators, including but not limited to actively participating in meetings, contributing to and reviewing materials, aligning resources and PLD to support districts to engage families.

**Angel Corrales** - Angel will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators, including but not limited to compiling, validating, and coordinating data sharing with the external evaluator. He will also be involved in the organization of the PLD for the DDDM.

**Becky Nelson** - Becky will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators, including but not limited to facilitating cross-office collaborative efforts, working with the DOE Management Team to develop a collaborative support model, facilitate communications with district leadership, and provide oversight on project scope and budget.

**Nicol Reiner** - Nicol will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators, including but not limited to facilitating cross-office collaborative efforts, working with the DOE Management Team to develop a collaborative support model, facilitate communications with district leadership, and provide oversight on project scope and budget.

**Linda Turner** - Linda will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators including, but not limited to facilitating cross-office collaborative efforts, working with the DOE Statewide System of Recognition, Accountability, and Support (SSRAS) Team to develop a collaborative support model, and facilitate communications with district leadership.



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**Birth to Three (Part C) Sarah Carter** - Sarah will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide support functions for the SD SPDG Co-coordinators, including, but not limited to actively participating in meetings and contributing to and reviewing materials to align and bridge the work of Part C SSIP to early literacy initiatives.

**South Dakota Parent Connection - Carla Miller, Executive Director.** - will enhance the outcomes of the project by providing support to families to understand the MTSS process, to learn literacy practices to use with their children at home and in the community, and provide parent learning opportunities.

**Coaching Coordinator – (To Be Filled and Contracted)** – will conduct external evaluation activities for the project, and support evidence-based literacy strategies training.

**Dakota State University – Dr. Katie Anderson (.25 FTE – Through Agency Agreement to Contract Time)** – Dr. Anderson will serve on the State Leadership Team and provide literacy PLD to the instructional coaches. She will also provide the coaches on-going mentoring and literacy support as they work with teachers and students.

**Utah State University - Norm Ames, Associate Director, Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE).** - assist in the development and facilitation of State Leadership Team and SPDG Advisory Group meetings

**External Evaluator - Susan Wagner, President, Data-Driven Enterprises**