

PDG B-5 TA Center Services

The Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five Technical Assistance Center (PDG B-5 TA Center) supports state agency leaders in building, enhancing, and expanding their state's early childhood mixed delivery systems and high-quality B-5 programs and services. The PDG B-5 TA Center staff support state agency staff by delivering technical assistance individually and across states and territories. Our technical assistance is rooted in adult learning, organization change, public policy, and our subject matter experts provide consultation tailored to and aligned with each state's unique needs and intended outcomes.

Who can request technical assistance (TA) from the PDG B-5 TA Center?

Staff in early childhood agencies in any state or U.S. territory may request TA support, regardless of their PDG B-5 grant status.

What kinds of TA does the PDG B-5 TA Center provide?

Although each state's early childhood landscape comprises a unique mix of stakeholders, initiatives, resources, regulations, and funding structures, there is often overlap in the types of supports and services that state agency staff need. To address the range of needs, the PDG B-5 TA Center staff provide technical assistance through these complementary delivery methods:

Consultation—Providing one-on-one support to state Grantees that addresses specific needs,
priorities, and initiatives related to their PDG B-5 grants. This tailored technical assistance ranges in
scope and frequency depending on Grantees' needs and issues. Because this service is specifically
related to existing PDG B-5 grants, it is only used by Grantees.





- Facilitation—Supporting state agency staff in developing and facilitating meetings, such as those to discuss mixed delivery systems or review data for continuous improvement.
- Virtual peer-to-peer engagements—Hosting an annual PDG B-5 Grantee convening, MyPeers work groups, and online training modules that offer active and engaging opportunities to learn from peers across states and territories.
- Knowledge development—Offering webinars, coffee talks, podcasts, videos, and workshops on topics of high priority and interest to Grantees and state agency staff.
- Self-reflection tools—Developing and disseminating self-assessments, checklists, rubrics, and toolkits—and compiling tools available from other TA Centers—to help identify and solve common challenges.
- Publications—Producing briefs, blogs, state highlights, tip sheets, and research syntheses that profile innovative solutions developed across the country.

What topics does the PDG B-5 TA Center cover?

PDG B-5 TA Center staff provide technical assistance to state agency staff on several broad topics identified in state comprehensive needs assessments. However, the PDG B-5 TA Center staff also provide technical assistance on other topics as needs arise to support state early childhood mixed delivery systems in the following areas:

- Supporting annual program performance evaluation plans
- Including children with special needs
- Coordinating eligibility and enrollment
- Building and using data systems
- Supporting dual language learning
- Improving equity in services
- Sustaining finances
- Establishing governance and sustainable partnerships
- Supporting health and wellness services
- Supporting families experiencing homelessness

- Developing high-quality infant and toddler programs
- Enhancing mental health and social-emotional learning (SEL)
- Implementing needs assessments and strategic plans
- Supporting family engagement
- Enhancing QRIS
- Engaging rural communities
- Supporting transitions and alignment
- Developing a high-quality workforce and professional development

To request technical assistance, connect with the PDG B-5 TA Specialist who serves your region. If you do not know who your TA Specialist is, please consult the PDG B-5 TA Center website.

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