

...were being provided to ensure that they were meeting the needs of families and LEAs and that these supports were aligned and easily accessible. The development of the [Strategic Plan for Special Education in Texas](#) gave TEA the opportunity they needed to perform a comprehensive review of the networks and engage with various stakeholders on their effectiveness.

Through a competitive grant process, TEA division of special education program identified statewide leads to coordinate, develop, and disseminate technical assistance across the state. The areas for statewide leadership were determined through a review of existing support structures and extensive stakeholder engagement. Over the course of the 2019-2020 school year, these networks will create and disseminate a variety of guidance materials and resources for use by Education Service Centers (ESC) and Local Education Agencies (LEA) across the state. We are pleased to announce the following Statewide Leadership Networks:

Statewide Leadership Network Name	Statewide Lead
Child Find, Evaluation, and ARD Supports	ESC 4
School, Family, and Community Engagement	ESC 10 and Partners Resource Network
Inclusive Services and Practices for Improved Student Outcomes	ESC 20 and ESC 4
Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism Training	ESC 13
Intervention Best Practices	The University of Texas at Austin
Texas Complex Access Network	ESC 3
Texas Sensory Support Network	ESC 11
Supports for Students Served in Small and Rural LEAs	ESC 15
Student-Centered Transitions	Sam Houston State University
Multiple Exceptionalities and Multiple Needs	ESC 1

All these network grants went into effect on July 1, 2019. The first major task for each network will be to create a website through which existing, and newly created resources will be made available. Look for these network websites to be linked from the TEA website in late September. In addition, we will make those links available in a later edition of this newsletter.

To learn more about the purpose, specific activities and information that will be provided through these networks, please register for the upcoming [TEA webinar](#) on August 22nd.