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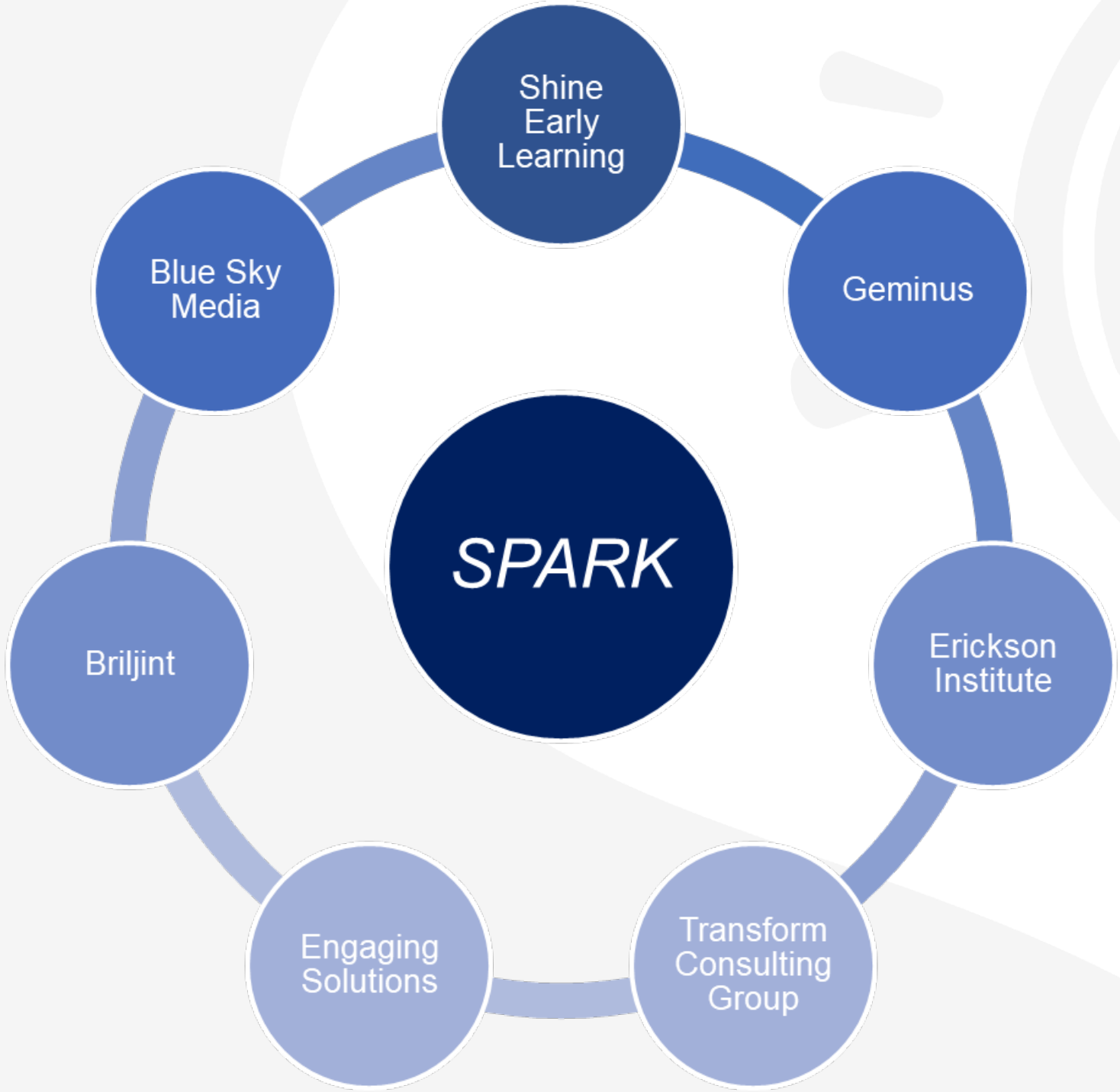

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Transform Consulting Group

- Stakeholder engagement and communication
- Data management and reporting
- Policies and procedures
- Facilitate the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)-Main point of contact

TRANSFORM
— CONSULTING GROUP —

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Introductions

- Name
- Organization name and role
- Stakeholder type (early care and education program, higher education, community partner, system partner)
- Why were you interested in joining the RAC?

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Purpose of the RACs

- To strategically advise and collaborate on the technical assistance support and approaches delivered by SPARK Learning Lab
- Councils will provide written feedback and recommendations on implementation activities
- Each of the five service delivery areas (SDAs) will have their own RAC

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SPARK Project Updates

1. Reflections on state update meetings/listening tours
2. Feedback/questions on mandatory trainings
3. Self-assessment update
4. Feedback on communication and outreach
5. SPARK staff update

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Reflections on State Update Meetings/Listening Tours

- What was helpful about the meetings held in July-October?
- What questions do you and other providers in your area still have about SPARK and this transition?

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Upcoming Listening Tours

- SPARK will be holding additional listening tours in first quarter of 2020
- Stay tuned for more information!
- We will look to the RACs to help get the word out!

- What is the best way to promote these meetings?
- What information would be helpful to share during the listening tours?
- How should the listening tours be structured?

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Mandatory trainings will be available during the transition

- Safe Sleep and PTQ Orientation available on Indiana Learning Paths AND limited in-person
- All current Indiana Learning Paths content will remain available
- In-person trainings will be available in all regions

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Feedback/Questions on Mandatory Trainings

- Find information about mandatory trainings: http://indianaspark.com/mandatory-training-calendar/
- What questions or concerns do you have about the mandatory trainings?

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SPARK Program Assessment Tool

- Can be completed by the Director, Owner/Lead Caregiver, Pedagogical Leader (a Coach, Master Teacher, Etc.), and/or Business Leader

- Requests demographic information to tailor the program leader's experience

- Aligned to Indiana's Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKC), Paths to QUALITY™ (PTQ) standards, and national accreditation standards

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Please indicate your progress towards fully implementing the following:

Item	0	1	2	3	4
Early Learning FOUNDATIONS	**•Started** **•Not Yet Started**	**Leader receives approved training for Early Learning FOUNDATIONS**	**Teachers receive approved training for Early Learning FOUNDATIONS**	**Teachers use the Early Learning FOUNDATIONS to design curriculum and learning environments foundations.**	**Teachers use the Early Learning FOUNDATIONS to implement responsive curriculum and learning environments.**

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Item	0	1	2	3	4
Routines & Transitions	•Started •Not Yet Started	Routines (e.g., meal times, handwashing) are included on the daily schedule. Routine tasks, mealtimes and transitions are rough, abrupt, and/or transactional (e.g., lack structure and meaningful teacher-child interactions).	Teachers teach and model the expectations for routines and transitions (e.g., we wash our hands, then sit at the table).	Teachers engage children during transitions (e.g., sing while waiting in line, pretend we are on a train to the playground) and teachers verbally prompt children about transitions before they occur.	Teachers use routines and transitions to embed learning opportunities for children (e.g., facilitate back and forth conversations during meals, have children count number of boys and girls going to the playground, etc.). Teachers utilize visual cues/schedules, so transitions are anticipated by children.

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Program Assessment Next Steps

- The Center and Home program assessments are prepared for focus groups.
- The Ministry and School program assessments are in development.
- The program assessment will be rolled out throughout the state in phases beginning in March 2020.

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Feedback on Communication and Outreach

- Communication channels:
  - Website
  - Social media
  - Newsletter

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Website

- Key Pages:
  - About SPARK
  - Timeline
  - FAQs
  - Training Calendar
  - RAC Information

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☰ MENU

HOME → TIMELINE

Timeline

October

COMPLETE

Mandatory Trainings Offered

View the Calendar

COMPLETE

RAC Membership Applications

November - December

IN PROGRESS

Hire/ Onboard

UPCOMING

First Regional Advisory Council Meetings

UPCOMING

Pilot Self-Assessment

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MENU

HOME → FAQS

FAQs

General Questions

- What is SPARK Learning Lab?
- Where did the name SPARK come from?
- What kind of supports will SPARK provide?
- How do programs and providers get technical assistance and other supports from SPARK?
- When will I be able to get support from SPARK?
- Who is going to provide coaching and technical assistance while SPARK is ramping up?
- How will mandatory trainings be offered?

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NOVEMBER 2019 MANDATORY TRAINING CALENDAR

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 Safe Sleep **Bloomington/Monroe** Timing: 6-8 PM Exact Location: Monroe County Library, Auditorium	6 Safe Sleep **Fort Wayne/Allen (2)** Timing: 2-4 PM Exact Location: Fort Wayne Main Library, Room C	7	8	9 Safe Sleep **Lafayette/Tippecanoe (2)** Timing: 9-11 AM Exact Location: Matchbox Meting Space
10	11 Veteran's Day	12 Safe Sleep **Portage/Porter County** 6:30-8:30 PM Portage Library Meeting room A Universal Precautions 6:30 - 7:30 PM Live Webinar via ILP	13 New CD Inclusion Live Webinar & PTQ Intro Session Timing: CD- Evening/ PTQ- Nap Time Live Webinar via ILP	14 Safe Sleep **Muncie/Delaware (4)** Timing: 1-3 PM Exact Location: Maring-Hunt Library, Muncie	15	16 Safe Sleep **Evansville (5)** 9:00-11:00 AM Vanderburgh Central Library - Browning Event Room B
17	18	19 Safe Sleep **Jeffersonville/Clark (5)** Timing: 5-7 PM Exact Location: Clarksville Branch Library, Room C	20 Safe Sleep **Lafayette/Tippecanoe (2)** Timing: 6-8 PM Location: Matchbox Meeting Space	21	22 New CD Inclusion Live Webinar & PTQ Intro Session Timing: CD- Evening/ PTQ- Nap Time Live Webinar via ILP	23
24	25	26 Safe Sleep **South Bend/St. Joseph (1)** Timing: 6-8 PM Exact Location: Jimtown Early Head Start, Elkhart	27	28	29 Thanksgiving	30

You can register for all available in-person and online training sessions on Indiana Learning Paths. You must have an I-LEAD account to access Indiana Learning Paths.

If you have an I-LEAD account, visit ilead.in.gov to log-in to your account and register for any training session through Indiana Learning Paths. If you do not have an I-LEAD account, visit ileadhelp.org/article-categories/getting-started for more information on how to create one. Need more help? Contact the I-LEAD help desk at ileadhelp.org.

last updated: 10/1/2019

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Next RAC Meeting

RAC Meeting for SDA1

November 25, 2019 10:00 am EST

Location:
United Way of St. Joseph County
3517 E Jefferson Blvd South Bend, IN
46615

All Regional Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

Attend meeting remotely:

Screenshare link:
https://zoom.us/j/224528310

Phone:
+1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: 224 528 310

Meeting Agendas and Minutes

Counties Included in SDA 1

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Website

What type of information would be helpful for SPARK to include on the website?

How can we promote the website to partners and programs?

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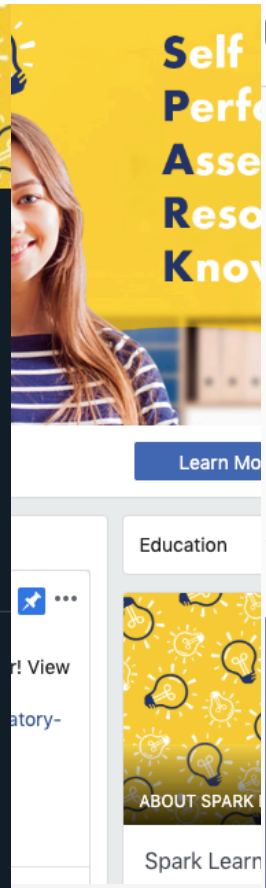
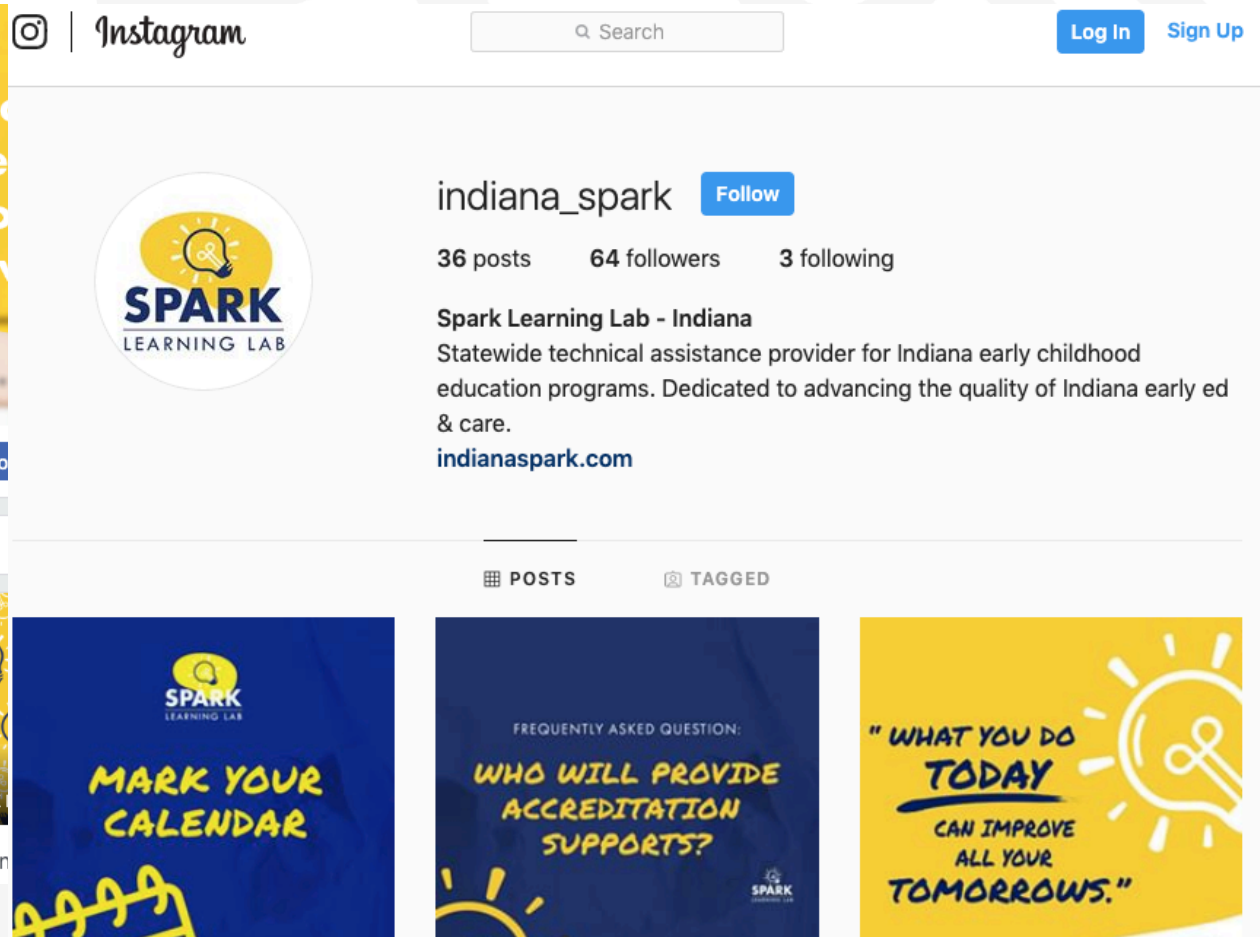
Social Media

- Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!





Social Media

What type of information would be helpful for SPARK to include on social media?

How can we promote these social media resources to partners and programs?

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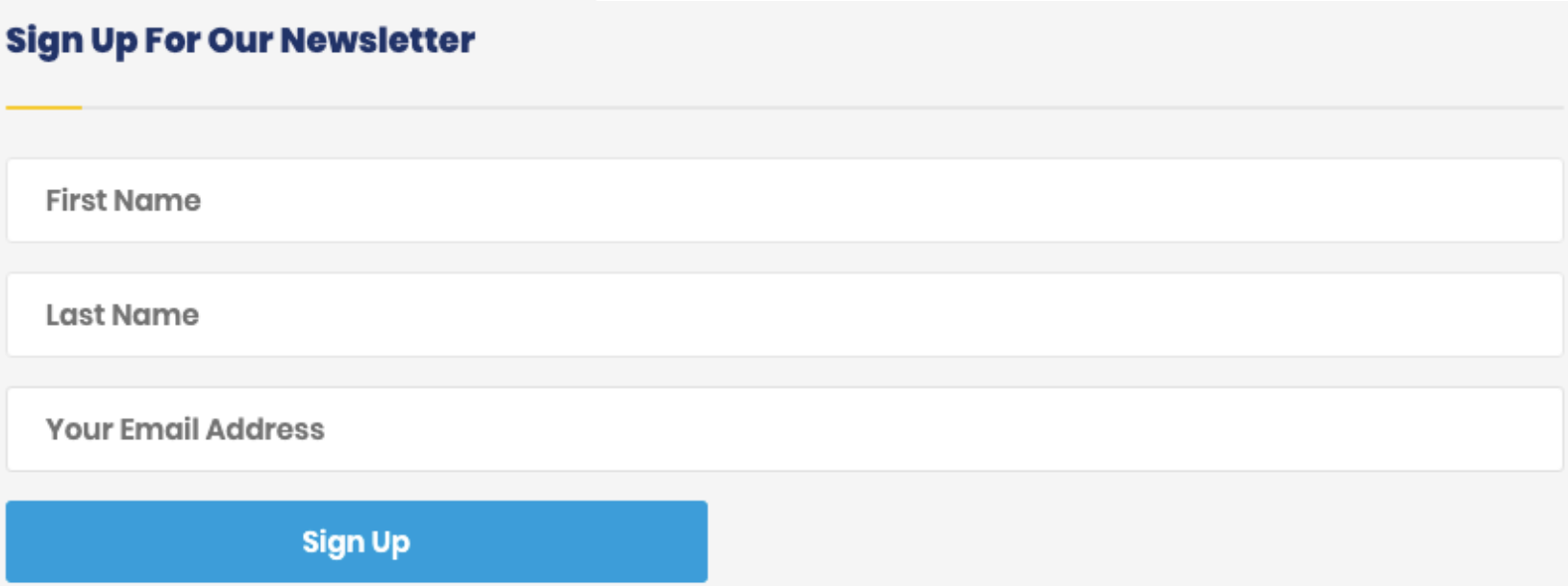
Newsletter

- www.indianaspark.com
- What information would be helpful for SPARK to include in our newsletter?



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Community Events

What community events are coming up in your region that SPARK could / should have a presence?

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Feedback on Communication and Outreach

- What is the best way for SPARK to communicate with programs in your region?
- What questions or concerns do you have about accessing resources and staying connected to SPARK?

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SPARK Staff Update

- SPARK plans to be fully staffed by January 13, 2020
- The website will be updated with new SPARK team members as they are hired

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SPARK Staff Update

- The following positions will be filled before the end of the year:
  - Coaching Managers
  - Infant/Toddler Specialist
  - Inclusion Specialist
  - School Age Specialist
  - Education (Preschool/Pre-K) Specialist
  - Operations & Compliance Specialist
  - Business Specialist
  - Communications Manager

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Chairperson and Vice Chairperson Selection

- Chairperson Responsibilities:
  - Work with TCG to establish meeting agendas
  - Preside over Council meetings
  - Provide leadership and guidance for the Council
- Vice Chairperson Responsibilities:
  - Preside over Council meetings in the chairperson's absence
  - Provide leadership and guidance for the Council

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Public Comment

We want to hear from you!

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Future Meeting Schedule

- The Council will meet quarterly
- Discuss potential times/dates

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Stay Connected!

- Sign up for SPARK newsletter: http://indianaspark.com/
- Follow SPARK on social media!
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
- Attend the upcoming Listening Tours
  - There will be at least one in every SDA

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