

Office for Exceptional Children Job Duties & Contact List

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Resource Management - IDEA Part B Funds, Grants & Projects

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VACANT	Education Program Specialist		IDEA B Fiscal Monitoring; Technical assistance related to IDEA B regulations and 6B IDEA Restoration Funds, discretionary projects and the CCIP application; Policy and Procedures review; Project fiscal contact for Services to Families/Children of Deaf/Blind, TVI Teacher Prep Program.
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VACANT	Administrative Professional		Assistant to the Resource Management Section Assistant Director; Technical assistance related to IDEA B regulations, discretionary projects and the CCIP application; Website Content Manager; List-Serv backup; MOE progressive sanctions; Travel; CCIP doc library content coordinator; grants tracking; &
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Supports and Services for Diverse Learners: Multitiered Systems of Support, Ohio's New Learning Standards & State Testing System

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VACANT	Education Program Specialist - School Psychology		School Psychology; School Psychology Intern Program; School Psychology Inter-University Council; Ohio School Psychologists Association Liaison; Evaluation Team Reports; Eligibility for Special Education; Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports; Restraint & Seclusion; Multitiered Systems of Support; School Climate Transformation grant; PBIS Coaching Network; Project AWARE: Youth Mental Health First Aid
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Data & Research - Federal and State Reporting/Analysis, Special Education Profiles & Ratings, Program Evaluation

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