

NDTAC Quarterly Newsletter

March 2025

A Note from the Department of Education Title I, Part D Program Office

The Department of Education recently experienced significant changes to its staffing and organization. While we are still determining how these changes may impact the Title I, Part D program, please know that our program team of Heather, Jeff, Mark, Nicole, and Emari (a fellow on rotation with us until June) are all still here to support you. If you have questions, we are happy to schedule a call to provide your program with assistance.

We are excited for the upcoming Annual Meeting in May! Whether you are participating in-person or virtually, we are excited for all the opportunities to collaborate with each other to overcome Title I, Part D's programmatic challenges.

Meet your Technical Assistance Provider: Lauren Kissela



Lauren is a research analyst in the parenting and family dynamics area at Child Trends. On NDTAC, she is currently involved in the administration of monthly Office Hours and coordinating planning for the 2025 Title I, Part D State Coordinators Annual Meeting. At Child Trends, Lauren supports planning and implementation of qualitative and quantitative data collection, data cleaning and analysis and reporting. Lauren's primary area of research is in public health and nutrition sciences, focusing on food policy environments across countries and their effect on childhood health outcomes.

NDTAC Resources

NDTAC offers valuable resources to support State coordinators in the administration of Title I, Part D. Some of these resources are highlighted below:

- During February's Communities of Practice meetings, State coordinators discussed allowable uses of funds. For understanding and assessing use of funds, see: [NDTAC Tip Sheet: The Use of Title I, Part D Funds – Decision Process](#)
- With application season coming soon, it may be helpful for State coordinators to review the list of Federal subgrantee application requirements while developing their applications. For guidance, see: [Program Administration Toolkit.docx](#)
- For suggested questions and requested documentation to include when developing monitoring protocols for Title I, Part D subgrantees, see: [NDTAC Tip Sheet - Title I, Part D Subgrantee Monitoring Menu](#)

Get Involved! Upcoming NDTAC Events

Supporting Postsecondary Opportunities for Neglected and Delinquent Youth NDTAC Webinar

Join us on Tuesday, April 29th at 1 pm EST, to explore how programs can support incarcerated youth in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), unlocking vital financial support and resources for their postsecondary journey. NDTAC will discuss strategies for completing the FAFSA in unique circumstances. We will also cover key deadlines and activities to stay on track with the application. Featured speakers include Heather Hall Lewis from the Office of Federal Student Aid, alongside representatives from successful programs who have effectively guided students through this process, creating opportunities for brighter futures. For registration information, contact ndtaccommunications@longevityconsulting.com.

Monthly Office Hours with the Department of Education Title I, Part D Program Office

NDTAC holds Office Hours on the second Thursday of each month so that State coordinators have regular access to NDTAC technical assistance providers and ED Program Officers. We are available to answer questions or have discussions on topics of State coordinator choosing. Where appropriate, sessions will feature a subject matter expert who will provide guidance on topics of interest. Office Hours is open to Title I, Part D State coordinators and Title I Directors. A Microsoft Teams invitation is sent to invitees in advance. Contact ndtacccommunications@longevityconsulting.com for access details.

U.S. Department of Education Title I, Part D State Coordinators Annual Meeting: May 5 – 7, 2025

The Annual Meeting will be held in person in Washington D.C. at the Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) U.S. Department of Education building, with a virtual option available. The conference theme of “*Putting the Pieces Together: How Title I, Part D Fits in Cross-Program Collaboration*” will guide conference activities designed to focus on how collaboration across programs strengthens and enhances Title I, Part D efforts. Visit the [2025 Title I, Part D State Coordinators Annual Meeting](#) webpage for important details, including meeting registration, and travel and lodging information. State coordinator registration closed on February 16th and invitations to guests were sent on February 24th. For questions, to make changes to your registration, or to register please email NDTAC at ndtacccommunications@longevityconsulting.com.

Live Engagements

NDTAC offers a variety of [Technical Assistance Offerings](#) throughout the year. These events are a great way for you to learn more about Title I, Part D, connect with your colleagues, interact with the Department, and hear from other State coordinators and experts in the field. Click the link above to see different opportunities that may be most helpful to you and your subgrantees.

In Case You Missed It: Recent NDTAC Events

New State Coordinator Pathways Program: March 2025

The most recent Pathways meeting was held in March with a topical focus on allowable uses of funds. Sherry Davis from California joined us for this session as a seasoned coordinator providing guidance on best practices. The January meeting covered the requirements, process, and purpose of applications. The Pathways Program is a professional development series designed to provide more comprehensive and sustained training for new State coordinators through a series of meetings with TA providers at NDTAC and the ED Program Office. An invitation to join this program is sent to each new State coordinator. For the latest information, see the [New Coordinator's Pathways Program](#) page or email Dan Froemel at daniel.froemel@longevityconsulting.com.

Communities of Practice: February 2025

The most recent Communities of Practice meeting convened in February 2025 and discussed allowable uses of funds. For the latest information, see [Communities of Practice Meetings 2024-2025](#).

NDTAC Webinar: December 2024

Expanding Access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) for Youth in Juvenile Justice Facilities

This engaging webinar focused on expanding access to CTE for youth in juvenile justice facilities. Our presenters from the federal Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) covered the importance of CTE in juvenile justice settings and presented best practices for effective CTE implementation. For details, see: [NDTAC December 2024 Webinar: Expanding Access to Career and Technical Education \(CTE\) for Youth in Juvenile Justice Facilities](#).

NDTAC in the Field

Title I, Part D is an important component of programming for youth in neglected and delinquent programs throughout the country and we are committed to raising awareness of the Title I, Part D program and best practices. We will present at national and state conferences throughout FY2025. NDTAC welcomes the opportunity to present at state conferences at the request of stakeholders, pending team availability. Please reach out to your [TA Provider](#) if you would like NDTAC to join your event to discuss specifics related to Title I, Part D and submit an [NDTAC State Conference Presentation Request form](#) with interest.

FY2025 NDTAC Conference Presentations

Most recently, in February 2025, Heather Denny (ED) and Dan Froemel (NDTAC) partnered to present at the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators (NAESPA) in Austin, TX. This year's conference theme was *Focus on Improvement*. Heather and Dan led a session titled *I collected the data... Now what do I do with it?* During their presentation, they explored the purpose of data collection for Title I, Part D, and provided participants with the opportunity to collaboratively analyze data, identifying key areas for improvement.

Continued participation in external events related to child welfare and justice-involved youth is key to our growth as stewards for the Title I, Part D program. See the NDTAC website for a running list of [Field Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities](#).

State Monitoring: Did you Know?

To determine SEAs to be reviewed each year, ED conducts a risk analysis on all SEAs receiving Title I, Part D funds. This risk analysis considers factors such as • the most recent year in which the state's Title I, Part D program was monitored • recent turnover in the Title I, Part D State coordinator position • Title I, Part D grant funds being returned to Treasury • data quality concerns and • outcomes of students participating in Title I, Part D programs.

[A Guide to Meeting Compliance Requirements for the Title I, Part D, Program](#) details the overall process for monitoring a State's Title I, Part D program from notification of the review, submission of documentation, SEA staff meetings, subgrantee interviews, and the issuance of an ED monitoring report. The document includes appendices with helpful information. ED and NDTAC hosted a webinar explaining the monitoring and risk-assessment process. Additionally, ED held a webinar that provided an overview of their monitoring process. To view the webinar and supplemental information, see [May 2023 NDTAC Webinar: Monitoring - An Overview of Federal and State Responsibilities](#) on the NDTAC website.

Reviews that have been completed by the Department can be found at [Key Documents | U.S. Department of Education](#). These can serve as a great resource to self-evaluate your own program.

Keep in Touch

Changes to State Coordinators or Contacts

Please send any changes in state contacts to NDTAC@longevityconsulting.com and we will update contact information on your state page on the NDTAC website. For changes to State coordinators, we will also reach out to you to schedule a New Coordinator Orientation. Note that if a change in State staffing for the program also necessitates an update to the person listed as State Director for the State's Subpart 1 grant in the Education Department's G5 grant system, you must also contact ED to request the G5 update at TitleI-D@ed.gov. The G5 update request must include the name of the new State coordinator, as well as the coordinator's telephone number, email address, and mailing address.

Have Questions?

Questions regarding Title I, Part D resources and implementation should be sent to NDTAC@longevityconsulting.com.

Questions about Title I, Part D statute or Annual Count should be sent to ED at TitleI-D@ed.gov.

If you have specific questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with the NDTAC Project Director, Lynn Bauer, please email lynn.bauer@longevityconsulting.com.

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