

Arizona Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services

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To: Special Education Administrators

From: ADE Early Childhood Education and Exceptional Student Services

Subject: ADE Early Childhood Survey

ADE/Exceptional Student Services (ESS) and ADE/Early Childhood Education (ECE) sections request that all public education agencies (PEAs) entitled to IDEA Consolidated preschool funds complete a survey that opened on June 17, 2019. The Early Childhood Survey will assist the agency in providing timely technical assistance regarding the operations of early childhood special education programs by PEAs statewide.

Previously, the ADE required that PEAs describe their programs and activities within the IDEA Consolidated grant's Program Details and Completion Reports sections. PEAs were required to list Early Childhood Quality Improvement Plan (ECQuIP) meeting dates, describe least restrictive environment (LRE) placement options within the district/charter, and predict district/charter professional development needs. This valuable information enables ADE to continue to provide targeted support and services to schools.

To reduce survey recipients' time investment, these questions have been reformatted and are now in the form of checklists, multiple-choice items, and yes/no questions. Survey results will be used by the ECE program specialists to continue to schedule professional development, provide technical assistance about progress monitoring activities, and support the transition activities of children from early intervention to preschool special education services.

As a result, the survey will be a required activity of each district or charter school serving children with disabilities (3 through 5 years old). The survey will remain open from June 17, 2019 through September 30, 2019. Instructions for accessing the survey are included with this notice.

To access the survey:

Step 1

Navigate to ADEConnect.

URL to ADEConnect: https://home.azed.gov/Portal/

Step 2

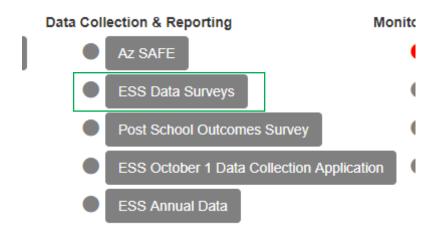
Sign in with your user credentials (user name and password).

Note: If you don't have access to the survey application or need to add additional users who should have the right to use this information and administer the survey, contact your entity ADEConnect administrator and ask to be assigned the ESS Data Surveys: User Role

Step 3
Select ESS Portal



Step 4Click on ESS Data Surveys



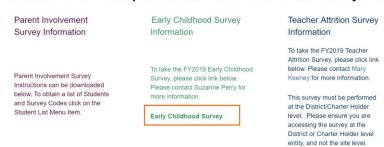
Step 5

Click on the Early Childhood Survey link from the Data Survey Home Page.

Step 6

Click on the Proceed Button to take the survey.

Welcome to the Exceptional Student Services Data Survey Tool.



Please <u>email Suzanne Perry</u> (602.542.1113) if you have any questions about content or <u>email Eric</u>
<u>Ashenfelter</u> (602.542.4102) if you need help with technical troubleshooting.