SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTACTS

Montana Office of Public Instruction

Safety & Student Supports

- *Special Education is part of Safety and Student Supports at OPI.*

SSS Department Leadership:

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Director's Office

Kjersten Skatvold, State Director,
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- Special Education Advisory Panel
- Annual Performance Report
- IDEA Technical Assistance

Danni McCarthy, Associate Director,
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- Professional Development
- Compliance Monitoring
- Technical Assistance

Tammy Lysons, Administrative Coordinator,
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- Summer Institute

Ty House, Administrative Assistant
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- General Information
- Contracts & Discretionary Grants
- Advisory Panel Information

IDEA Fiscal

Support with:

- *IDEA funding and grants*
- *Budget and expenditure reporting*
- *Compliance with federal fiscal requirements*

Kimber Emmons, IDEA Fiscal Manager,
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Family Resources

Support with:

- *Resources for families and students*
- *Information on parent involvement*
- *Support for families with special needs*

Family Liaison, Vacant

- Technical Assistance for Special Education
- Family & School Communication

School Improvement & Monitoring

Support with:

- *Special Education Compliance*
- *IDEA Technical Assistance & Information*
- *Writing Compliant IDEA Documents*

Crystal Wright, School Improv. Unit Manager,
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- Secondary Transition

Jillian Bellah, Jillian.Bellah@mt.gov,
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- English Language Learners served under IDEA

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- Secondary Transition

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- Secondary Transition

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- Related services

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Continuing Education & Technical Assistance

Support with:

- *Professional development opportunities*
- *Grants for MTSS, CSPD, and GT*
- *Technical assistance in specialty areas listed below*

CETA Unit Manager, Vacant
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)

Lucy Beltz, Lucy.Beltz2@mt.gov, 406-431-4654
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Educational Interpreters
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Hearing Conservation Program

Anne Carpenter, Anne.Carpenter2@mt.gov, 406-465-0922
- Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD)
- Para Pathways Project

GT/MTSS Program Specialist, Vacant
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Data-Based Individualization (DBI)
- Gifted & Talented

Katie Mattingley, Katie.Mattingley@mt.gov, 406-437-3874
- MT Autism Education Project (MAEP)

Annette Viciedo Young, AYoung3@mt.gov, 406-444-0299
- Stipend Programs
- Higher Education Consortium

IDEA Data & Reporting

Support with:

- *Data analysis and interpretation*
- *Student Information Systems (SIS)*
- *AIM Infinite Campus (IC)*

Data & Accountability Specialist, Vacant
- *IDEA data collections & state reporting*

Special Education Data Specialist, Vacant
- Special Education Infinite Campus Support
- Behavior Data Collection

Dispute Resolution

Support with:

- *Technical Assistance with understanding the requirements of the IDEA and implementing Montana special education laws.*
- *Informal dispute resolution for special education issues.*
- *Dispute resolution options under the IDEA: Individualized Education Program (IEP) facilitation, mediation, state complaints, due process hearings, and expedited due process hearings.*

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