

# **SELPAs within the Statewide System of Support**

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## Facilitating

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California is in the midst of a bold educational reform effort that fundamentally changes how the state provides resources to local educational agencies (LEAs). This reform effort holds LEAs accountable for improving student performance and narrowing performance gaps among student groups. The most pronounced of the performance gaps relates to meeting the needs of California's students with disabilities. As the new accountability system shines a spotlight on students with disabilities, Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs) are positioned to leverage a well-established resource network to support LEAs in improving outcomes for students with disabilities. In response to the California Statewide Special Education Task Force calling for "one coherent system" to serve all students, the California Department of Education (CDE) initiated a "Statewide System of Support" to assist LEAs and their schools in meeting the needs of each student served, with a focus on building capacity to sustain improvement and effectively address inequities in student opportunities and outcomes.

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