



Every Student Succeeds Act and Opportunities to Prioritize Early Learning Policy Goals

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Since the Every Student Succeeds Act was signed into law on December 10, 2015, several states have started making plans for a smooth transition into full implementation, scheduled for early 2017. On November 29, 2016, the Department of Education established two deadlines to submit final state ESSA plans: April 3rd, 2017 or September 18, 2017. For further information and resources on ESSA and Early Learning, see our webpage [here](#).

CEELO conducted a review of all 50 states' department of education websites, and updates this information monthly. This information is based on a scan of public information and has not been vetted with state leaders. The purpose of this document is to assist the field in identifying opportunities and best practices to support the elevation of early learning in ESSA state plans.

New State ESSA Plans: Twenty three states have developed draft ESSA state plans as of the update of this document. These are: AZ, AL, CO, CT, DC, DE, HI, IA, IL, ID, LA, MA, MD, MS, MT, NC, NV, OH, OK, OR, SC, TN, and WA. On November 29th, 2016, the Department of Education established two deadlines for submission of state ESSA plans. For a full list of when states will submit their plans, see the webpage [here](#).

State	SEA ESSA website	EC Role	State Plan Posted Publicly	Public Input
AL	Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation Committee	ESSA Subcommittee Meeting- Early Learning Jeana Ross, Secretary of DECE will chair the ESSA Task Force	Alabama ESSA Key Decisions Document	Every Student Succeeds Act Implementation Committee ESSA Community Engagement Tour Executive Order 16
AK	https://education.alaska.gov/akessa/	None	Due March 2016	Stakeholder Involvement
AZ	http://www.azed.gov/essa/	None	Arizona Consolidated State Plan (January 9, 2017)	2016 We Are Listening Tour ESSAInbox@azed.gov
AR	http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa	None	Due to DOE July 2017	Community Listening Forum ade.essacomments@arkansas.gov
CA	http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/es/	None		Email listserv for info Update memo to county and districts California ESSA Webinar for Education Stakeholders and Public
CO	http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/essa	ESSA and Early Learning ESSA State Plan	ESSA State Plan Draft	Communications, Listening tour by region and blogs

CT	http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&Q=336396	Consulted with Office of Early Childhood Connecticut Consolidated State Plan	Connecticut Consolidated State Plan	Supts Webinar Series (May, June, Sept 2016) Feedback by 6/24/16
DE	http://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/425	None	A Framework for Delaware's ESSA Plan	Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement
DC	http://osse.dc.gov/featured-content/every-student-succeeds-act-essa	Draft Consolidated State Plan	Draft Consolidated State Plan	Meetings and notes available on the website, many options for input
FL	http://www.fldoe.org/academics/essa.stml	None		held a first round of public input from June 21-July 22, 2016
GA	http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/communications/Pages/ESSA.aspx	None	To be submitted September 2017	Notes and resources from committee meetings
HI	http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/AdvancingEducation/StriveHIPerformanceSystem/Pages/ESSA.aspx OR http://governor.hawaii.gov/essa-team/	none	Hawaii's Blueprint for Public Education	ESSA Town Hall Meetings Supporting Student Success Phase I: Statewide Listening Tour
ID	http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/essa/index.html	None	Draft Consolidated Plan (3rd draft released January 2017)	ESSA Public Feedback Form
IL	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ESSA.aspx	Illinois Early Learning Council Recommendation	ESSA Illinois State Plan Draft #2	Findings from the Illinois State Board of Education Listening Tours for Local Perspectives on the Every Student Succeeds Act

		ESSA Illinois State Plan Draft #2 The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 Supporting Continued Education Innovation in Illinois	Illinois Early Learning Council Recommendations	
IN	http://www.doe.in.gov/essa	None	Will submit September 2017	Every Student Succeeds Act Listening Tour
IA	https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/every-student-succeeds-act	Iowa Draft State Plan January 2017	Iowa Draft State Plan January 2017	Presentation Slides from Spring 2016 Public Forums- SES and Choice Summary of Comments from Public Forums on SES and Choice
KS	http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Early-Childhood-Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-ESSA	See Goal 4: Kansas Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators	Will submit September 18th	ESSAquestions@ksde.org
KY	http://education.ky.gov/comm/Pages/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-%28ESSA%29.aspx	PPT mentions K-3, not PK	Will submit May 2017	Town Hall meetings through May, includes recordings and minutes List of Email Comments Submitted
LA	http://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/about-us/every-student-succeeds-act-(essa)	Jenna Conway and Nasha Patel, Office of EC	Draft ESSA State Plan	Statewide stakeholder engagement sessions planned through August. PPT and Video online

		attend meetings, provide input		ESSA Listening Tour Report
ME	http://www.maine.gov/doe/essa/	None	By July 1 2017	ESSA Stakeholder Feedback Form
MD	http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DAP/ESSA/index.aspx	Maryland Consolidated State Plan	Maryland Consolidated State Plan	Internal and External members ESSA Stakeholder Committee External Membership
MA	http://www.mass.gov/edu/government/departments-and-boards/ese/programs/accountability/financial-support/title-i-and-other-federal-support-programs/every-student-succeeds-act-essa.html	None found	Draft Consolidated State Plan	ESSA Stakeholder Outreach Plan Commissioners Weekly Update- Jan. 8th, 2016
MI	http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_76731---,00.html	Identifies EC and PK as goals , State EC specialists are on committees	Expected in Spring 2017	Presentation to SBE in March 2016
MN	http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/dse/ESSA/index.htm	ESSA Topic Area Meetings EC listening session in April	Early 2017	ESSA Topic Area Meetings Early Learning Presentation
MS	http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/SSE/essa	Mississippi Board of Education 5-Year Strategic Plan 2016-2020	Mississippi Strategic Plan	Join the Conversation #RiseMS
MO	https://dese.mo.gov/ No ESSA page			
MT	http://opi.mt.gov/ESSA/Index.html	State Template for the Consolidated	State Template for the Consolidated State Plan Under	Superintendent Juneau Appoints 33 Montanans to Every Student Succeeds Act Work Groups

		State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act	the Every Student Succeeds Act	
NE	https://www.education.ne.gov/ESSA/index.html	None	July 2017	NE uses AQuESST accountability system Flex Waiver never approved
NV	http://www.doe.nv.gov/Boards_Commissions_Councils/ESSA_Adv_Group/ESSA_Advisory_Group/	EC stakeholders included on Adv Group clear reference to PK	Nevada Draft ESSA Plan	Advisory Group Meeting materials on line mayitasanchez@doe.nv.gov
NH	Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)	Early Childhood Advisory team Purpose-To research and design a state plan focused on Early Childhood supports for schools and districts.	No info. yet	Survey ESSA Advisory Teams
NJ	http://www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA/	None	Will submit March 2017	Memo to LEAs- Says they are developing a stakeholder engagement plan. <i>Mid-Atlantic CC (Marty Orlander) is working with them.</i> ESSA@doe.state.nj.us.
NM	http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/ESSA.html		Spring 2017	Stakeholder Engagement http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/ESSA.html

NY	http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/essa.html NYC: http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/accountability/default.htm	None	Early 2017	None
NC	http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/succeeds/	OEL partnered with North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation to develop B-8 strategies in the Draft North Carolina Consolidated State Plan	Draft North Carolina Consolidated State Plan	Through March/April various opps for public input NC Early Childhood Foundation held webinar
ND	https://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/SSI/ESSA/	State Template for the Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act Draft North Dakota State Plan	State Template for the Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act Draft North Dakota State Plan	ESSA Planning Committee
OH	http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-ESSA	None	Draft Overview of Ohio's State Plan	Webinars and Proposed Stakeholder Meetings ESSA Survey essa@education.ohio.gov

OK	http://sde.ok.gov/sde/essa	Strategy 1.1: ESSA State Plan Framework Plan Supt testifies and mentions EC	ESSA State Plan Framework Plan	ESSA Stakeholder Survey
OR	http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=399	None	Draft Framework for Oregon's ESSA State Plan Draft for Stakeholder Input	Community Forums ESSA Joint Work Group Meetings
PA	http://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act.aspx#.VzDGMelrLR0	District Director of EC on Ed Certification WG; and 2 others with EC in their title	No info.	Four workgroups
RI	http://www.ride.ri.gov/InformationAccountability/EveryStudentSucceedsAct(ESSA).aspx	2020 Vision for Education		Committee of Practitioners available on RI ESSA page
SC	http://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/every-student-succeeds-act-essa/	Consolidated State Plan	Consolidated State Plan	General ESSA Feedback Form Parent and Student ESSA Feedback Form
SD	http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/essa.aspx	None	No info.	ESSA Work Groups http://doe.sd.gov/secretary/essa.aspx
TN	https://www.tn.gov/education/section/essa	See strategic plan "Building skills in early grades to contribute to future success"	Every Student Succeeds Act: Building on Success in Tennessee ESSA State Plan Every Student Succeeds Act: Building on Success	ESSA Feedback Form ESSA Working Group Members

			in Tennessee Status Report	
TX	http://tea.texas.gov/About TEA/Laws and Rules/ESSA/Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)/	None		ESSA
UT	http://www.schools.utah.gov/assessment/ESSA.aspx	None	No info.	None
VT	http://education.vermont.gov/vermont-schools/education-laws/essa	ESSA State Plan Proposal 13: Early Childhood Education ESSA State Plan Proposal 6: Definition of a Preschool	draft plan by January 15, 2017.”	Public Input Opportunities for Involvement
VA	http://www.doe.virginia.gov/federal_programs/esea/essa/index.shtml	None	Plans to submit March 2017	Stakeholder Engagement and ESSA State Plan
WA	http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/default.aspx	Early Childhood Education Workgroup	Washington’s ESSA Consolidated Plan	Regional forums about ESSA implementation. .
WV	https://wvde.state.wv.us/essa/	None	March 2017	ESSA Get Involved
WI	http://dpi.wi.gov/esea	None	No info.	Listening sessions on school improvement and school Accountability.
WY	https://edu.wyoming.gov/in-the-classroom/federal-programs/homeless-ed/transitioning-to-the-every-student-succeeds-act-essa/	None	To be submitted July 2017	ESSA Town Hall Meetings