The mission of the Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) is to improve results for infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities by working in partnership with and increasing effectiveness of state and local special education agencies by:

- Providing access to needed expertise and technical assistance services
- Facilitating activities that help agencies meet state and federal requirements
- Designing, organizing and implementing a variety of professional development activities

The TAESE partnership provides SPDG evaluation and website expertise through Susan Wagner and Dale Brown.

Susan Wagner serves as the SPDG’s external evaluator and has 12 years experience as a SPDG evaluator. Other professional experiences include instrument development and validation, project evaluation, and data collection and analysis. She will work with the SPDG Compliance Team to create a comprehensive evaluation of the process and completion of SPDG activities.

Dale Brown monitors the technical aspects of the SPDG website including the data reporting needs of the project. Mr. Brown has worked extensively with web-based content usage, design, 508 compliance, and functionality of internet-based systems for both targeted and general usage. The SPDG website will support interactive use for data reporting and video journaling. He will work with the SPDG Project Manager to provide and support website needs of the project.