

RSN Frequently Asked Questions-FAQ

Q: What is the Regional Services Network (RSN)?

A: In 1984, the Wisconsin Regional Services Network (RSN) was developed through the collaborative efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and each CESA to meet the educational needs of students identified as having disabilities. The state RSN is comprised of representatives from each of the twelve CESAs.

Q: What is the Mission of the RSN?

A: The mission of the RSN is to improve the quality of educational services to students with disabilities. Each RSN provides leadership, communication and staff development.

Q: Why is the Leadership of the RSN so important:

A: Providing quality education for all students is a complicated and costly process. Students today have more complex needs that require the coordination of educational programs between specialists and classroom teachers. The RSN can assist districts in:

- Identifying service needs
- Recruiting and training staff
- Developing cooperative/shared programs
- Develop grant applications or locate other resources to meet the needs of students and districts in CESA 9.

Q: How is the RSN Providing Communication?

A: The CESA #9 RSN Director shares information, educational innovations, research and DPI initiatives with local agency special education representatives through monthly leadership meetings held at the CESA #9 office. In addition, the RSN provides school district staff with current information regarding state and federal laws, policies, procedures and guidelines.

Q: What is the RSN doing for Professional Development?

A: Professional development is critical in promoting the change and improvement of educational opportunities for all children in the public schools. The RSN supports a variety of inservices and workshops on curriculum and teaching strategies that can be incorporated into local district or building staff development plans. Examples of activities include:

- Federal and state legal updates
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Differentiated Instruction
- Workshops for paraprofessionals
- Early Childhood programming
- Assistive Technology

CESA #9 RSN delivers trainings utilizing a variety of approaches including workshops and meetings, dissemination of materials, networking, study groups, and ITV/polycom presentations.