The Federal Programs Unit within the Colorado Department of Education (CDE)

will offer a series of virtual work sessions beginning in the spring of 2017

covering topics related to the requirements and the implementation of the

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The registration link and schedule will be made available at [www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/virtualacademy](http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/virtualacademy). *Note: Recordings of the work sessions will be posted online. In addition, FAQs and Fact Sheets will be created as a result of the collaborative discussions and posted with the session materials.*

**Purpose**: The virtual work sessions are intended to provide information regarding updates that may impact the LEA’s administration of programs funded under the ESSA, as well as provide meaningful time for discussion and feedback with and between LEAs. Each session will be presented through the lens of needs specific to the consolidated application and monitoring processes, as well as best practices for implementation resulting in equitable opportunities and effective outcomes for all students.

**Intended Audience**: Federal Programs administrators and personnel working within ESSA programs, including school administrators.

**Format**: Materials for each virtual work session will be provided to registered participants at least one week in advance to allow for adequate time to review prior to the session. The materials will provide participants with the program requirements as outlined in statute and pertinent guidance for implementation related to the session topic. A participant survey will also be included with the session materials to provide registrants an opportunity to notify CDE staff of concerns/needs in advance, permitting CDE staff to develop a session tailored to the needs of participants.

Virtual work sessions will be held on Friday beginning at **10:00am** on a biweekly basis.

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| Date | Work Session Topic(s) | Host(s) |
| March 24, 2017 | Comprehensive Needs Assessment  ESEA Basic Program Requirements | Office of ESEA Programs, Office of Unified Improvement Planning |
| March 31, 2017 | Leveraging and Coordinating ESEA Funds with State/Local Funds  Comparability | Office of ESEA Programs, Morgan Cox, Grants Fiscal, Colleen Brooks, Donna Morganstern |
| April 7, 2017  *\*by invitation only* | Title III and IV Consortia Requirements | Office of ESEA Programs, Morgan Cox, Grants Fiscal |
| April 14, 2017 | Students Experiencing Homelessness and Children in Foster Care under the ESSA | Colleen Brooks, Jamie Rife, Judith Martinez |
| April 28, 2017 | Parent and Family Engagement | Kirsten Carlile, Darcy Hutchins, Morgan Cox, Noemi Aguilar |
| May 5, 2017 | Teacher Qualifications under the ESSA  Equitable Access to Excellent Teachers | Jennifer Simons |
| May 26, 2017 | Schools Identified for Comprehensive and Targeted Support and Improvement | Brad Bylsma, Laura Meushaw, Nazanin Mohajeri-Nelson |
| June 9, 2017 at 1:00pm | Consolidated Application: Q&A | Office of ESEA Programs |
| June 23, 2017 | Consolidated Application: Q&A | Office of ESEA Programs |