

The 4th Annual Jones Center for Special Education Excellence SUMMER INSTITUTE:

Navigating the future through accountability for individuals and teams

Bio for keynote speaker Joanne Cashman,

Joanne Cashman is currently the Director of The IDEA Partnership at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE). The IDEA Partnership is an affiliation of 55 national organizations representing policymakers, families, administrators and service providers funded by The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). For the last 12 years, the Partners have worked across groups to come together around the issues they share. The websites, www.ideapartnership.org and www.learningport.us showcase some of the collaborative work that has been developed through the Partnership is being shared throughout the deep networks connected to the IDEA Partner organizations. While the resources are important, some of the most important work is being done in states to develop a more collaborative culture.

Dr. Cashman will share the vision for collaboration across groups, demonstrate the abundant resources available to families and local practitioners and recount the stories of states and stakeholders that are changing the way that they work. We are better together!