Update on ODE’s Related Service Workgroup  May 2018

The workgroup met for the 2nd time this year on March 14, 2018.    The group decided there is an urgency to get the work done since State Board will need our recommendations by September so we established some short term goals and moved up the meeting dates for our workgroup to reconvene and so we will meet 2 times in August on August 1 and again on August 21.

Some interesting facts I learned:

1.       Based on numbers of licenses issued by ODE, there has been a decline from 2013 to 2017 in the following areas:

School Psychologists  -18.32%

Physical Therapists  -7.55%

SLP’s  -6.17%

See attached chart for all figures in all areas.

2.       462 SLP’s are eligible to retire within next 5 years plus keep in mind that we won’t have as many retire/rehires because everyone will be older now when they retire.

3.        Graduating PT’s now must have doctoral degree.

4.       In 2027 OT’s will have to have doctorate and OTA’s have to have Bachelors

5.       Only 2.3% of PT’s are in the field of education.

6.        In 2016 there were 127 unfilled School Psychologist positions.

Teams are working on short term goals now.

Customize a list of incentives that districts would see as valuable to recruit and retain for their area.

Help administrators understand roles and value of members of related services.