Forbush joins TAESE as co-associate director

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Dr. David Forbush has joined the Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) as co-associate director. TAESE is a division of Utah State University’s Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Forbush is new to TAESE, but is not stranger to USU. He completed a bachelor’s degree in psychology, a master of science in school psychology, a school administrative/supervisory endorsement, a Ph.D. in special education and rehabilitation and a post-doctoral fellowship at USU.

Most recently, he spent six years as the director of special education for Cache County School District, where he provided instructional leadership for about 2,000 students with disabilities and supervised more than 350 staff members. With the exception of another seven years in the Preston (Idaho) School District, where he served as school psychologist, Title 1 coordinator and director of special education, much of his career has revolved around USU’s department of special education and rehabilitation, where he has been an assistant professor, the master’s program coordinator and a clinical instructor.

Forbush was also co-director of Project Need to Read, a collaborative project between USU and the University of Toledo, and was the director of USU’s Center for Academic Interventions.

Forbush said former TAESE associate director Marty Blair, who left the CPD in May to become director of Montana’s UCEDD, encouraged him to apply for the position.

“Marty talked to me to see if I had any interest,” Forbush said. “I had been in the school district for six years. This covers a larger geographic area and the opportunity to have more influence.”