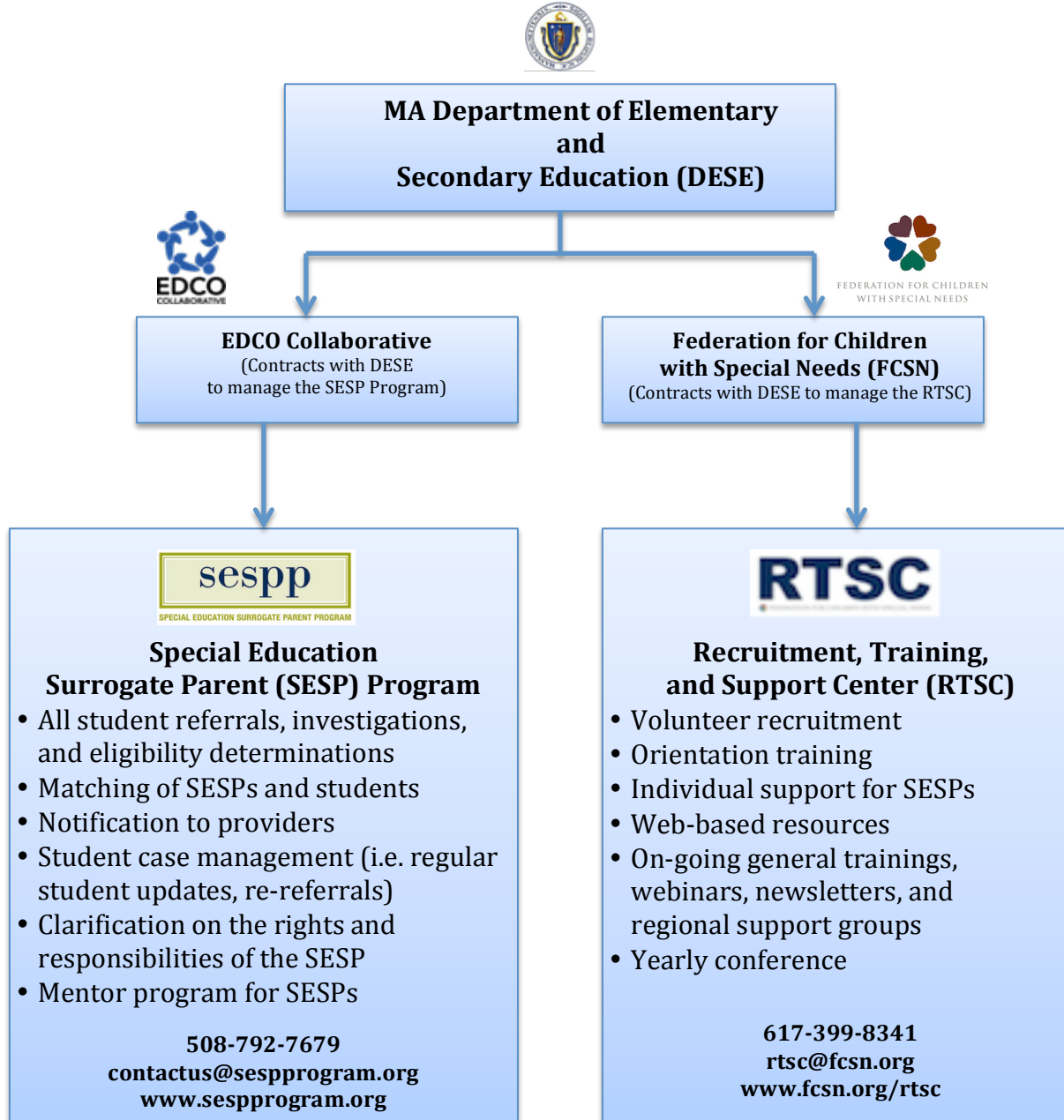


The SESP Program and the RTSC: How Our Two Organizations Work Together

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) contracts the responsibility of program implementation to two agencies: EDCO Collaborative, which manages the Special Education Surrogate Parent (SESP) Program; and the Federation for Children with Special Needs, which manages the Recruitment, Training, and Support Center (RTSC). The SESP Program and RTSC work together, communicating often and working in collaboration, to uphold the federal and state requirements, assist our volunteers, and serve the students.



I need some assistance. Who do I call, the SESP Program or the RTSC?

The student's case coordinator at the SESP Program can assist you with questions related to the rights and responsibilities of your role, your interactions with DCF and other providers, and changes in the student's status.

The RTSC can help you figure out special education laws and regulations as they apply to your student, and can support and assist you as you represent your student in the special education process.