

## **Monitoring/and Program Effectiveness Updates April 3, 2017**

### **Monitoring Activities**

**During the 2016-2017 school year, 67 school-age programs are scheduled to complete the monitoring process.** As of this date, 28 of these programs have been found to be in compliance with state and federal regulations. Information is still being collected and analyzed for the remaining districts and it has not been determined if any of these programs are out of compliance with requirements set forth in the regulations.

### **ADE Collaboration**

ADE-SEU partnered with other units in the agency - School Improvement, Licensure, Standards and Accreditation, and Finance - to complete a comprehensive, on-site monitoring of two school districts. The ADE-SEU is currently involved with providing professional development and other technical assistance to these districts.

### **Tier Two Disproportionality Activities**

The state educational advisors (SEAs) conducted a targeted review of seven districts that were identified with disproportionality in discipline and/or identification for two or more years. All of these districts have been notified that they have corrected all items cited as potential noncompliance in the FY 2016-17 Tier Two Disproportionality monitoring review.

### **SEA Current Projects and Committee Involvement**

- **Paperwork Guidance Committee**  
The Paperwork Guidance Committee will reconvene on May 23 to review questions and comments submitted as districts have used the pilot paperwork this year. The committee is expected to make final recommendations on paperwork and the Process Guide at this meeting. The Parent Guide is still in development and will be released as soon as it is complete. The content of both guides will align.
- **ADE Literacy and Math Team**  
Representatives from the Special Education Unit are participating on ADE Literacy and Math Teams along with content experts from the Curriculum Support Services Unit. The goal of this collaboration between general education and special education is to develop specific training opportunities for special education teachers in math and literacy to support increased results for students with disabilities.
- **ADE Charter School Committee**  
This committee meets to review Charter Applications and amendment requests from existing Charters. A new applicant workshop was held on Marcy 8, 2017. There are currently 14 groups that intend to submit an application for an Open Enrollment

Charter School. Charter school applications are due to the Charter office no later than April 27, 2017. A new charter orientation will be held on May 4 and 5, 2017. There is one new open enrollment charter school that will open during the 2017-2018 school year.

- **Monitoring/Program Effectiveness Webpage Development**  
The Monitoring Program Effectiveness Webpage has been reviewed, updated, and incorporated into the newly developed Special Education Page on the ADE website. The information from the Arksped webpage is now available on the ADE webpage.
- **Special Education 101 training scheduled this summer**  
The Special Education Unit will be going on the road this summer to provide a Special Education 101 training in every Educational Cooperative across the state. Participants will be guided through the special education process from child find and referral, to IEP development and reevaluation considerations. Required procedures and considerations around disciplining students with IEPs and the steps involved in the State's System for Dispute Resolution including Mediation, IEP Facilitation, State Complaints, and Due Process Hearings will also be included.