

Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities Monitoring and Program Effectiveness, July 2019

Monitoring Activities

- State Education Program Advisors (SEA) reviewed all data submitted and issued letters of findings to districts. Districts with non-compliance received Compliance Action Plans (CAP).
- *A Family Guide to Special Education* has been finalized and published on the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Special Education web page.
- Working across units in the ADE to refine and coordinate monitoring procedures and activities when possible.

Program Effectiveness

- The SEAs and Dispute Resolution Specialists developed and are presenting training at Educational Cooperatives this summer:
 - **Title:** Addressing Student Needs Through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process
 - **Description:** Students who receive special education services must have an IEP that is “reasonably calculated for the child to make progress in light of the child’s circumstances.” What does this mean for students and for the IEP development process? This session will walk participants through developing a Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP), determining what appropriate accommodations, and developing goals for the student, based on the PLAAFP. The session will also include the impact that a PLAAFP and goals (either well-developed or poorly-developed) can make from a legal perspective, citing both in-state and national precedents.
- The Monitoring and Program Effectiveness team is collaborating with the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation department to build a presentation for the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference in Rogers in July. This presentation will focus on inclusive needs in transportation. The conference is a regional conference for 13 states.
- The Administrator for Monitoring and Program Effectiveness is attending the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference in Washington DC in July.