



IDEA Data & Research Office @ UALR
Quarterly Report to the Special Education Advisory Council
May 2, 2018

- Federal Reporting and related activities
 - Grads360/EDFacts/EMAPS (EDFacts Metadata and Processing System) data sets were submitted for:
 - School Age Child Count/Placement (December 1, 2017 due April 4, 2018)
 - Early Childhood Child Count/Placement (December 1, 2017 due April 4, 2018)
 - Maintenance of Effort/Coordinated Early Intervening services (2016-17 data due May 2, 2018)
 - Annual Performance Report (2016-17 data due February 1, 2018)
 - Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan of the Annual Performance Report (2016-17 data due April 2, 2018)
- Disproportionality Regulations
 - Dr. Fields presented to the Advisory Council at the January meeting on setting the cell size at 5, N at 15, and risk ratio at 2
 - OSEP considering a delay in the implementation date of the revised regulations
 - Request for public comment posted in the federal register in late February
 - Comment period closes May 14, 2018
- Training
 - Revisions to eSchool user guides and training videos
 - State will roll out a new version of the student management system in July
 - Face-to-face training for new Charter Schools on the use of eSchool
 - Rolled out ASTIS: Arkansas Special Education Training Information System
 - Registration system for special education workshops, webinars, and meetings
 - Allows registrants to track their participation and to print out certificates of attendance
- Activities
 - Continue analysis of district data for the new disproportionality regulations
 - Generated disproportionality data for Indicators 4, 9, 10 and CEIS for required self-assessment
 - Revised the self-assessment document and optional worksheets for disproportionality review of policies, procedures, and practices

- Hosted the fourth Disproportionality Institute on April 29-30, 2018 for districts who have flagged for disproportionate representation (APR Indicators 4, 9, or 10) for two or more years
 - Five districts were invited and four district attended
- Newsletters for February and April were posted to the website
- Development of DATA Talk, a series of webinars for Arkansas's local education agencies on the use of data
 - Episodes around 20 minutes in length and will be posted to the ADE-Special education YouTube Channel with links from the Data & Research web page
- National IDEA Data Center (IDC) on site in February providing technical assistance on the APR Data Process Tool Kit
 - Work will continue on Friday, May 4, 2018
- IDC requested Arkansas to pilot the new MOE/CEIS tool kit
 - ADE Special education staff along with two LEA special education administrators will pilot the tool kit on May 3, 2018
- IT Team
 - Compiled and submitted the EDFacts files
 - Conducted maintenance on the servers and web-applications
 - Continued the development of a five year plan
 - Worked with Medicaid in the Schools staff and contractor in the development of the new ARMAC (Medicaid Administrative Claim) software
 - Finalized the ASTIS software
 - Sri Kolli developed ASTIS for IDEA Data & Research and the Special Education Unit when she worked as a graduate assistant/intern
- Meetings/Conferences/Webinars attended
 - Dr. Fields participated in the monthly Part B Data Manager conference calls
 - Dr. Fields participated in the monthly OSEP Technical Assistance calls
 - Dr. Fields participated in a series of peer-to-peer (P2P) calls on various topics
 - Dr. Fields, Ms. Wright, and Mr. Chu attended the IDC Interactive Institute on High Quality Data in Orlando, FL., February 20-22, 2018