



IDEA Data & Research Office @ UA Little Rock
Quarterly Report to the
Special Education Advisory Council
October 2018

- Disproportionality Regulations
 - Arkansas is moving forward with implementation of the new methodology, with a cell size of 5, n-size of 15 and a risk ratio threshold of 3. The other components of the revised regulations are to be implemented in FFY2020 (2020-21)
- Training
 - In August,
 - Three webinars on the required data reporting elements for the 2018-19 school year
 - Three face-to-face data entry trainings for data entry staff on the use of the special education modules in eSchool
 - A one-day face-to-face data entry training on the use of the special education modules in eSchool for districts served by the Arkansas River Educational Cooperative
 - In September,
 - Two face-to-face data entry trainings for data entry staff on the use of the DDS Application in MySped Resource
- Activities
 - Conducting analysis of assessment data around the 1% alternate assessment participation requirement of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - Finalized the Results Driven Accountability Determination Matrix
 - Moved data sets for APR and Determinations out of Excel to SQL warehouse
 - Revised eSchool User Guides to reflect version 4.0
 - DATA Talk Season 2 Episode 1: Understanding Your RDA Determination Matrix was posted to the IDEA Data & Research YouTube Channel
- IT Team
 - Conducted maintenance on the servers and web-applications
 - Updated MySped Resource for monitoring, finance, and student data applications for the 2018-19 school year
 - A contract programmer was hired to update the administration functions and tools of MySped Resource
 - Preparing data sets to submit to the US Department of Education
- 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 bi-weekly ESSA data reporting meetings with ADE staff from the offices of Assessment, Accountability, Research and Technology, and the UA Office of Innovation for Education
- Dr. Fields, Dr. Garrison, and Ms. Wright attended and presented at the Arkansas Department of Education's State Data and Reporting Conference. Topics included
 - School age and early childhood data reporting elements for the 2018-19 school year
 - Special Education Federal Reporting Requirements
 - Disproportionality Regulations
- Dr. Fields attended the Improving Data improving Outcomes Conference in Washington, DC
- Dr. Fields and Ms. Wright attended the LEA Academy in Hot Springs
- Ms. Wright attended the STATS DC Meeting in Washington, DC
- Dr. Fields attended the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) in Omaha, NE