



Building Capacity for High-Quality *IDEA* Data

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# Data Managers: Sharing Strategies and Solutions for Common Challenges

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# Objectives

- Explore strategies and solutions for common challenges through a facilitated discussion
- Learn from the shared experiences of peers in other state education agencies (SEAs)
- Review IDC resources that are available to help address the challenges discussed

# Supporting Local Data Quality

- The quality of data at the SEA is dependent on the quality of data provided by local education agencies (LEAs).
- LEAs look to the SEA for guidance around high-quality data.
- Support for data quality can take a variety of forms with varying amount of investment.

# Factors That May Affect Strategies

- Who controls the data collection at the SEA (*you or another team in the agency*)
- The make and number of LEAs
  - Small rural LEAs
  - Independent charter LEA
  - LEAs with more than 25 schools
  - Regional Education Service Centers

# Focused Questions

- What are common issues related to data quality that you see with your LEAs?
- How has your SEA tried to address these challenges?
- What worked, what did not?

# Crosswalking *EDFacts* Data to APR Indicators

- Data flows from the source collection to *EDFacts*.
- Portions of the Annual Performance Report (APR) are pre-populated by *EDFacts*.
- SEAs can manually overwrite pre-populated data.

# Focused Questions

- How do you track the flow of data from *EDFacts* to the SPP/APR?
- What actions do you take to ensure the data are accurate?
- What communication strategies do you employ when working with your SPP/APR Coordinator?



# Public Reporting of Section 618 Data

- Section 618 requires states to report to the Secretary of Education and the public on the equity of services provided under IDEA for various subgroups.
- Required subgroups for public reporting vary by data collection; however, among the subgroups are age, race/ethnicity, limited English proficiency status, gender, and disability categories.
- Data provided in the SPP/APR do not satisfy public reporting requirements under Section 618.

# Focused Questions

- What is your agency strategy for fulfilling Section 618 public reporting requirements?
- How do you ensure that you are in compliance?
- What strategies do you use to ensure publically identifiable information is protected?

# IDC Resources Available

- [Section 618 Public Reporting Requirements](#)
- [IDEA Section 618 Public Reporting Data Element Checklists](#)
- [IDEA Data Training Modules](#)
- Coaching /Mentor Program
- Process Mapping Toolkit
  - Being piloted in a few states
  - Contact your IDC state liaison if interested in starting the work

# IDC State Liaisons

- Can provide hands-on help with IDC tools and products
- Can find an experienced TA expert to help address your specific questions, concerns, or issues
- Can help put you in touch with other states working on similar challenges

# For More Information



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