



Building Capacity for High-Quality *IDEA* Data



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What Is CIID?



The **Center for the Integration of IDEA Data** is a technical assistance data center funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

MISSION

Help state education agencies (SEAs) integrate IDEA Part B Sections 616 and 618 data with their statewide longitudinal data system (SLDS)

SUPPORTS

Develop resources and provide direct support to SEAs to improve their data integration efforts

What Is Data Integration and Why is it Important?

The underlying premise for integration is to collect data once and use it for many purposes:

- Increases quality and access to data
- Improves federal reporting
- Informs policy decisions

What Is Data Integration and Why is it Important? (cont.)

- **Integrated data provides:**
 - A more comprehensive view of data on students with disabilities
 - Potential evidence for new initiatives or funding requests
 - A single source of key data
 - Consistent answers to questions about data

What Is CIID Doing to Help?

We are supporting SEAs wherever they are in the process:

- Initiating and planning for integration
- Technical aspects of system integration
- Planning for sustainability

What Is CIID Doing to Help? (cont.)

- **CIID Data Integration Toolkit**
- **Universal, Targeted, and Intensive technical assistance (TA) in SEAs**
- **State Leadership Engagement Workgroup**



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CIID State Leadership Engagement Workgroup

- Working to involve state leaders during the data integration process
- Working to share ideas and tools and create new tools and strategies for communicating with state leaders

What Can You, as a State Leader, Contribute to This Process at Any Stage?

- Know what is happening in your state
- Know who the players are
- Attend meetings, ensure interests of students with disabilities are represented
- Remember members of your team may have valuable input
- Communicate with directors of other departments

How Do I Keep Up With These Topics Efficiently?

I need to know:

- Privacy and confidentiality laws
 - State & federal
- What data are contained in my system
 - Can you articulate this?
- What data should be integrated and how they will be used
- Who is essential to best represent my program
- What are the priorities for my program
- What information do I need to save time and money



What Is Your Role and Why Does It Matter?

- Approve data system decisions or changes
- Assume authority for escalating issues
- Ensure alignment with SEA strategic plan
- Bring in different stakeholder perspectives

When State Leaders Need to Establish and Maintain Communication

- Identifying the need for engagement
- Stating desired outcome (decisions made, update status, issues that have come up, etc.)
- Determining timeline for engagement
- Documenting information needed for informed engagement
- Creating a system to document engagement, follow-up items, and next steps

Discussion: Fostering Communication at Multiple Levels

- What should be your role in the communication process?
- What do you feel could be improved about communication with:
 - Data manager and other staff?
 - Higher level leadership?

Discussion: Fostering Communication Across Departments

- Who are other leaders in/out of your agency who would benefit from/assist in discussions around data integration?
- Who else needs to be brought into the conversation across agencies to strengthen efforts?
- What are the best ways to begin data integration discussions and maintain data integration communication?



Questions?

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