



The Office of Special Education Program's Differentiated Monitoring System

Montana's DMS Notification

Designation:

- Universal
- Targeted
- Intensive

Factors by State

Current Engagement

New Engagement

Organizational Assessment of Risk Factors

- Results
- Compliance
- State-wide Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
- Fiscal
- Child Find – Special Focus Area

Montana's Results

- **Performance outcomes** for infants and toddlers in:
 - Positive social relationships (Montana's SiMR)
 - Knowledge and skills
 - Actions to meet needs
- Montana's percentage of children exiting who are included in outcome data from FFY 2014: **66.91%**
- **Outcome A, Positive social relationships, Summary Statement 1:** Of those children who entered or exited the program below age expectations in Outcome A, the percent who substantially increased their rate of growth by the time they turned 3 years of age or exited the program = **66%**

Engagement Required

Current engagement:

- Information and technical assistance resources available from OSEP
- Technical assistance from the National Center for Systemic Improvement, IDEA Data Center, and the Center for IDEA Early Childhood Systems

New Engagement:

- OSEP will provide targeted support on improving performance outcomes for infants and toddlers in positive social relationships, knowledge and skills and actions to meet needs, and the percentage of children exiting Part C that are included in outcome data.

Montana's Compliance

OSEP continues to make information and technical assistance resources available, and provide **universal** support. In addition, Montana receives technical assistance from NCSI, IDC, and DaSy.



Montana's SSIP

- Evidence-based practices (Coaching, RBI, RBEI): Evidence of a strong connection between the identified practice and our expectations of how the practice will impact the State's SiMR.
- Evaluation Plan: Process and data checks to determine if a change of course is needed or a need to discontinue a strategy.
- Stakeholder engagement: How do we ensure stakeholder understanding of the evaluation plan including the process and data checks to determine if a change of course is needed or a need to discontinue a strategy?

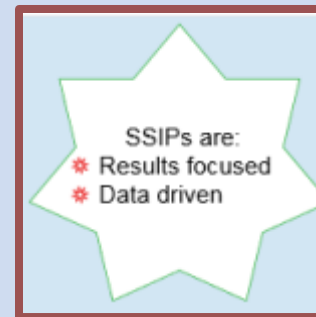
Engagement Required

Current engagement:

- OSEP continues to make information and technical assistance available, and provide universal support.
- In addition, the State receives technical assistance from NCSI, IDC, and DaSy.

New engagement:

- OSEP will provide targeted support to improve the State's capacity to develop, implement, and evaluate the SSIP.



Montana's Child Find

- Section 618 Child Count (FFY 2014): Birth through 2
 - Birth to 1 = 1.15% (122 infants with IFSPs state-wide)
 - Birth to 3 = 2.22%
- 2014 Child Maltreatment Rate per 1000: Birth through 2 – CAPTA referrals
 - CAPTA refers to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (PL 108-36), which is the federal law governing Child Protective Services programs across the country. The Keeping Children Safe Act of 2003 amended CAPTA and was signed into law. This law included a big change for young children, that Protection and Safety programs (CPS) must refer children under the age of 3 for early intervention services; these new requirements involve situations where there are *substantiated cases* of child abuse or neglect.
- 2014 Percent of low birthweight babies – including premature infants

Engagement Required (of all States)

Current engagement:

- OSEP continues to make information and technical assistance resources available, and provide universal support to all States.



New engagement:

- OSEP will provide targeted support for child find.



Montana's Fiscal

- OSEP will provide universal fiscal support: webinars, resources on GRADS360, technical assistance by phone and email.
- To be noted: Montana will provide actual documentation of consistent implementation of the Systems of Payments, i.e., use of private insurance and use of public benefits and insurance.

How will Montana satisfy the commitment using documents and resources to prove assurance that Part C funds are used as the payor of last resort?



What is next?

- 1) Continue to participate with technical assistance already being provided by NCSI, IDC, and DaSy.
- 2) OSEP's targeted assistance will be defined within the next 3 months.
- 3) Engage the FSSAC, providers of Part C Early Intervention, and other stakeholders in the implementation of OSEP's targeted assistance plan.

