




**Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
IDEA Data & Research Office @ UALR, April 2019**

December 1, 2018 Child Count with count changes from previous year


State Counts


School Age (K-12): 64,247  2,368
(includes 5 year old kindergarten)

5 year old
kindergarten: 2,881  124

Preschool (3-5): 10,616  343

Federal Counts

School Age (6-21): 61,366  2,2471

Early Childhood (3-5): 13,497  219
(includes 5 year old kindergarten)

Federal Reports

- Five federal reports were due April 3, 2019, and all five were reported on time
 - State School Age Child Count/Environment
 - LEA School Age Child Count/Environment
 - School Building School Age Child Count/Environment
 - State Early Childhood Child Count/Environment
 - Local Educational Agency (LEA) Early Childhood Child Count/Environment

Significant Disproportionality Regulations

- US District Courts in Washington, D.C. overruled Office of Special Education Program's (OSEP) delay of full implementation of the revised regulations. Hence, we cannot proceed with the hybrid methodology. Therefore, we are moving forward with the three years of data using the new methodology to identify districts as being significantly disproportionate.

Current Activities

- Disproportionality Institute with national speaker Dr. Edward Fergus
- Ms. Khala Quarles, the new Training Coordinator started April 1, 2019
- Annual Performance Report (APR) Determinations
- Maintenance of Effort and Coordinated Early Intervening Services Report due May 1, 2019