

**Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Data & Research
July 2019**

- Federal Reporting and related activities
 - None currently due
- Disproportionality Regulations
 - Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP's) delay of the compliance date for the revised significant disproportionality regulations was overturned in March 2019. On May 20, 2019, OSEP posted the following message:

Pursuant to the plain language of the December 19, 2016, Equity in IDEA regulation on significant disproportionality, and in conjunction with the March 7, 2019, decision in COPAA v. DeVos, the Department expects States to calculate significant disproportionality for the 2018–2019 school year using the 2016 rule's standard methodology, or to recalculate using the 2016 rule's standard methodology if a different methodology has already been used for this school year.
 - We have moved forward with full implementation of the standardized methodology
- Training
 - Eight webinars were held in April and May
 - Four face-to-face data entry trainings were conducted
- Activities
 - Issued the Annual Performance Report (APR) Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Matrix to districts. All districts are in "meets requirements" except for 2 whose determinations were "need assistance"
 - Developed the IDEA Data & Research academic year calendar highlighting special education APR Indicators
 - Hosted the Disproportionality Institute with guest presenter, Dr. Edward Fergus. Over 150 district and state staff members attended
 - Hosted a one-day meeting for districts identified for Significant Disproportionality for the provision of technical assistance on the requirements
- IT Team
 - Conducted maintenance on the servers and web-applications
 - Continued the development of an IT Plan for the next five years
 - Continued updating the administration side of MySped Resource
- 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 attended the Educational Information Management Advisory Consortium (EIMAC) meeting in Jacksonville, FL along with other Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) staff
 - Dr. Fields attended the Equity Institute in Folsom, California
 - Crenisha Wright, Data Analyst, attended a Predictive Analytics Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada as part of her professional development