

# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Special Education Unit

## Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities

### Monitoring and Program Effectiveness, October 2019

#### Monitoring Activities

- State Education Program Advisors (SEA) reviewed all data submitted and issued letters of findings to districts. Districts with non-compliance received Compliance Action Plans (CAP).
- The monitoring schedule for the year is in progress. Districts involved in self-monitoring have been divided into two timeframes, the first one being Oct 7 – Nov 1, 2019. Onsite monitoring calendars are still in progress.

#### Program Effectiveness

- The SEAs and Dispute Resolution Specialists developed and provided training at Educational Cooperatives this summer:
  - **Title:** Addressing Student Needs Through the IEP Process
  - **Description:** Students who receive special education services must have an IEP that is “reasonably calculated for the child to make progress in light of the child’s circumstances.” What does this mean for students and for the IEP development process? This session will walk participants through developing a Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP), determining what accommodations are needed, and developing goals for the student based on the PLAAFP. The session will also include the impact that well-developed or poorly-developed PLAAFPs and goals can have from a legal perspective, citing both in-state and national precedents.
- The Monitoring and Program Effectiveness team collaborated with the DESE Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation department to build a presentation for the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference in Rogers in July. This presentation focused on inclusive needs in transportation and was also presented at the LEA Academy in September as a breakout session. The conference was a regional conference for 13 states.
- The Administrator for Monitoring and Program Effectiveness is attending the NASDSE and CASE joint conference in Kentucky later in October.
- State Education Advisors are scheduling visits to districts to see district special education programs and highlights.
- State Education Advisors attended and presented at the LEA Academy.