IDEA Data & Research Office @ UALR
Quarterly Report to the Special Education Advisory Council
August 2017

- Federal Reporting and related activities
  - Annual Performance Report
    - Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) was submitted through the US Department of Education's GRADS360 System meeting the required submission date
  - EDFacts/EMAPS (EDFacts Metadata and Processing System) data sets were submitted for:
    - School Age Child Count and Environment due April 1
    - Early Childhood Child Count and Environment due April 1
    - MOE/CEIS (Maintenance of Effort/Coordinated Early Intervening Services) due May 1

- Disproportionality Regulations
  - Dr. Fields presented to the Advisory Council at the April meeting on the new calculations and the effect on districts. She presented an infographic displaying the number of districts that are on track for being identified as having significant disproportionality in the area of identification, disability category, and educational placement.

- Training
  - Eight webinars were held in April and May on required data reporting
  - Two face-to-face data entry trainings were held

- Activities
  - Continuing analysis of district data for the new disproportionality regulations
  - Continuing the development of the Annual Performance Report (APR) results matrix
  - Began development of the APR Results Matrix for the consideration of elements
  - Continuing the analysis of Early Childhood Outcomes compared to 1st grade Iowa Test of Basic Skills results
  - Developed the IDEA Data & Research academic year calendar highlighting special education APR Indicators

- IT Team
  - Conducted maintenance on the servers and web-applications
  - Continued the development of a five year plan for IT
  - Submitted the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the rebuild of the ARMAC (Arkansas Medicaid Administrative Claim) Time Study System to ADE for final approval and posting

- Completed the migration of non-application content of the arksped.k12.ar.us website to the main ADE website
- Finalizing the migration process of the web server and speddata server for all content. Actual completion will occur in early July with the exception of the ARMAC database that will remain on the old speddata server until rebuild is rolled out.

- 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 participated in the monthly 619 Big Data Cohort conference calls.
  - Dr. Fields is a member of the Correctional Education task Force and participated in the monthly meetings.
  - Dr. Fields attended the Capacity Building Institute in Kansas City, MO on secondary transition.
  - Dr. Fields attended Education Information Management Advisory Consortium (EIMAC) meeting in Phoenix, AZ
  - Data Process Toolkit Meetings
    - Dr. Fields, Ms. Wright, and Mr. Chu, participated in the four Data Process Toolkit meetings to develop internal documentation for the federal reporting requirements. Documenting the process of the data collection and reporting will allow smoother transitions when staff leave and new staff are hired.