

# **Exploring Preschool Discipline Data and Planning for Program Improvement**





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#### **Agenda**



- What data do states report nationally?
- What story do the national data tell?
- How can you get a more complete story for your state?
  - Cross-state sharing
- What can help you use your state and local data more effectively?

## What Data Do States Report Nationally?



### What IDEA Part B Data Are Reported Nationally?



IDEA Part B 618 Discipline						
<ul> <li>Number and percent of children and students ages 3–21 with disabilities</li> <li>Removed to interim alternative educational setting, by type of removal and state</li> <li>Suspended/expelled, by total number of days removed and state</li> <li>Subject to disciplinary removal, by total cumulative number of days removed during school year and state</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disaggregated by</li> <li>Disability</li> <li>Race/ethnicity</li> <li>Female and male</li> <li>English learners (EL) and non-English learners</li> </ul>					
Number of children and students subject to expulsion	<ul><li>Disaggregated by</li><li>Disability status</li><li>Receipt of educational service</li><li>State</li></ul>					

## What OCR CRDC Preschool Discipline Data Are Reported Nationally?



Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)						
<ul> <li>Number and percent of preschool students (ages 3–5) who</li> <li>Received one out-of-school suspension</li> <li>Received more than one out-of-school suspension</li> <li>Were expelled</li> <li>Received corporal punishment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Disaggregated by</li> <li>Disability</li> <li>Race/ethnicity</li> <li>Female and male</li> <li>English learners (EL) and non-English learners</li> </ul>					
Number of instances of corporal punishment that students (preschool through grade 12) received	<ul><li>Disaggregated by</li><li>Students without disabilities</li><li>Students with disabilities</li></ul>					



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- Public preschools
- Private preschools
- Schools

## What Story Do the National Data Tell?





# Discipline disparities start in preschool for boys and Black/African American students.

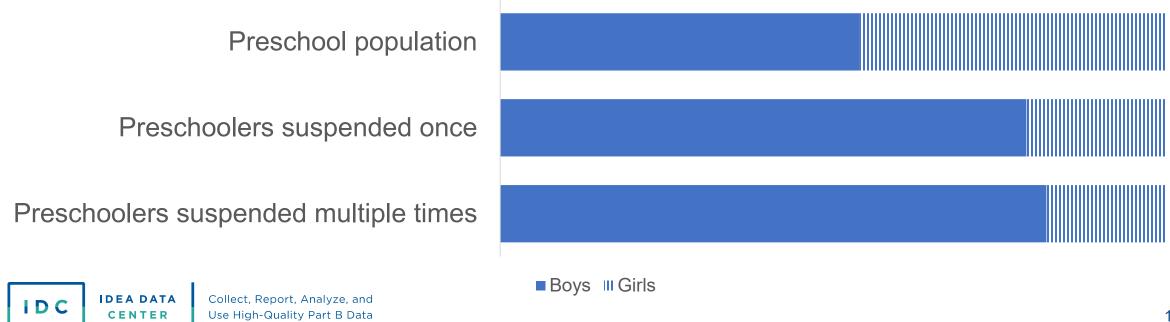
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## Most Public Preschool Children Suspended Are Boys

Boys represent 54% of preschool enrollment; they represent 78% of preschool children receiving one or more out-of-school suspensions (2013–14 CRDC).

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# Boys Are 54% of the Preschool Population but Represent 79% of Preschoolers Suspended Once and 82% of Those Suspended Multiple Times (2011–12 CRDC)





## Black Children Are 3.6 Times as Likely as White Children to Be Suspended From Preschool

- Black children represent 19% of preschool enrollment but 47% of preschool children receiving one or more out-ofschool suspensions
- White children represent 41% of preschool enrollment but 28% of preschool children receiving one or more out-ofschool suspensions

[U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) 2016]





	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic or Latino of any race	Black or African American	White	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Two or more races
■ Enrollment	1.36%	3.40%	30.07%	19.52%	42.11%	0.21%	3.34%
III SWDs: one or more OSS	1.80%	0.50%	18.50%	48.60%	27.10%	0.20%	3.20%

Students with disabilities (SWDs)



(CRDC)

IDEA DATA CENTER Collect, Report, Analyze, and Use High-Quality Part B Data



## Public Preschool Children With Disabilities Are Not Overrepresented in Out-of-School Suspensions

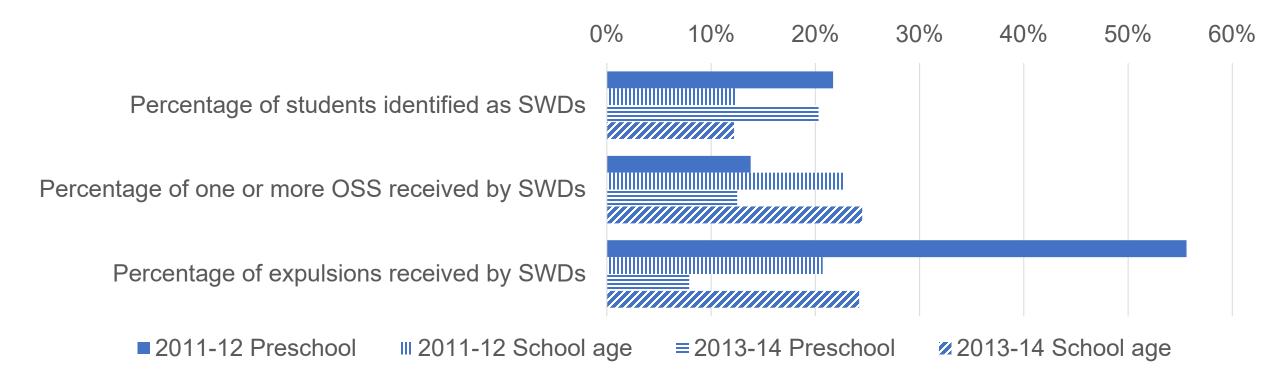
Children with disabilities represent 20% of preschool enrollment but 15% of preschool children receiving one or more out-of-school suspensions.

(GAO 2016)



## Comparing Preschool and K-12 SWDs and OSS Data (CRDC)







#### What About IDEA Discipline Data?

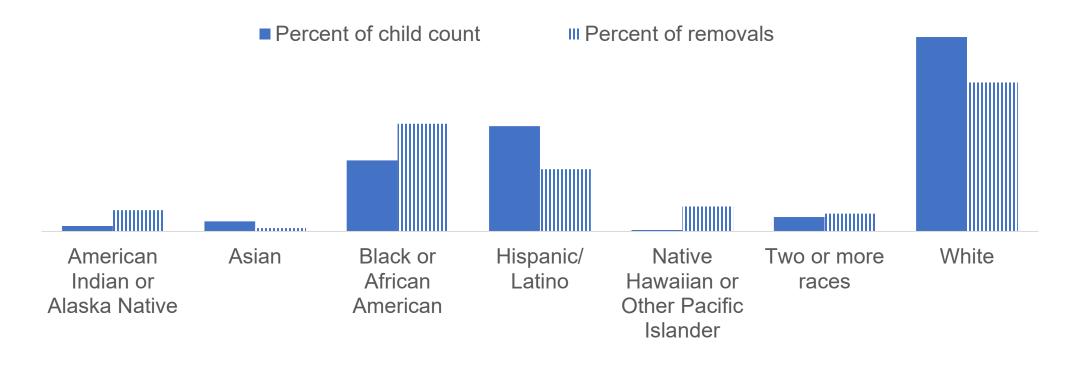


Both include ages 3–21, but national reports aren't disaggregated by age

- 618 Discipline
- Significant Disproportionality for Discipline

# 2016–17 618 Data Show Similar Discrepancies Between the 3–21 Population and Removals

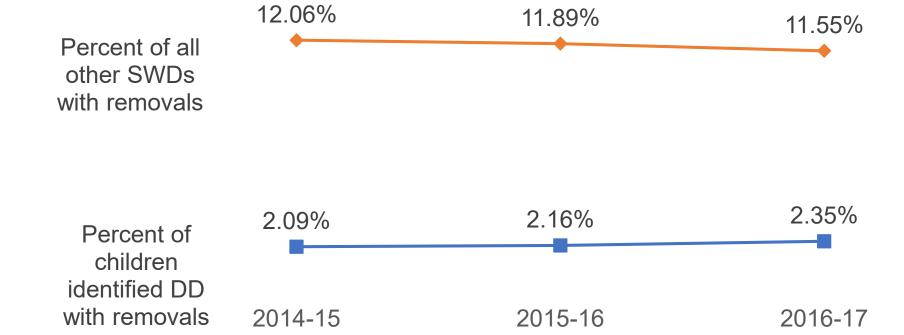






## Far Fewer Children Identified With Developmental Delay (DD) Have One or More Removals Than All Other SWDs







# How Can You Get a More Complete Story for Your State?



#### What Other Perspectives Do You Need?



### Who needs to be involved to make sure the story is complete?

- First round of data analysis:
   Special education team
- Second round of data analysis:
   Related education partners
- Sharing of data findings: Stakeholders (families, communities)

#### Why?

- Help address data quality
- Disaggregate existing data
- Identify other data sources

### Who Needs to Participate?



#### **Special Education Team**

- 619 coordinator
- Data manager
- EDFacts coordinator
- State special education director

#### **Related Education Partners**

- Title or At-risk services
- Early childhood

#### Who Else Needs to Participate?



Think about how your state and local preschool systems are organized

- Which groups or people have data that would help you better understand your preschool data?
- Who are your partners in this work?



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#### What Other Data Do You Need?

- Part B Discipline data disaggregated by age (3–5)
- Related early childhood data to establish trends
- OCR discipline data for your state
- Data from specific programs that may provide more detail about preschoolers' behavior

#### What Other Data Do You Need? (cont.)



- What are some ways you disaggregate your 618 Discipline data to gain a better understanding of preschool discipline?
- What other data about preschool discipline are you collecting?



# What Can Help You Use Your State and Local Data More Effectively?



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## To Be Useful, Data Must Be of High Quality

- Timely
  - Current, submitted on time, and still relevant
- Accurate
  - Reliable and consistent across time, locations, and methods
- Complete
  - Entire population represented and no missing records

### To Be Useful, Data Must Be of High Quality (cont.)



- What concerns do you have about your data at the state or local level?
- How are you working to improve the quality of your preschool discipline data?



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#### **Next Steps for States**

- Identify and address any data quality needs
- Consider new ways to disaggregate and analyze your data
- Determine additional data and/or data sources needed
- Share your data with a broad group of stakeholders to benefit from their perspectives

#### **IDC Support for Data Use**



Contact your State Liaison for support using resources such as

- Data Meeting Toolkit
- Root Cause Analysis: Using Data to Improve Students' Outcomes
- Success Gaps Toolkit



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