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?

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<td>Number and percent of children and students ages 3–21 with disabilities</td>
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<td>• Subject to disciplinary removal, by total cumulative number of days removed during school year and state</td>
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<td>• Disability status</td>
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<td>• Receipt of educational service</td>
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What OCR CRDC Preschool Discipline Data Are Reported Nationally?

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<th>Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)</th>
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<td>Number and percent of preschool students (ages 3–5) who</td>
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<td>• Received one out-of-school suspension</td>
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<td>Number of instances of corporal punishment that students</td>
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<td>(preschool through grade 12) received</td>
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Where Do These Data Come From?

- Public preschools
- Private preschools
- Schools
What Story Do the National Data Tell?
Discipline disparities start in preschool for boys and Black/African American students.
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).
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-of-school suspensions.

- White children represent 41% of preschool enrollment but 28% of preschool children receiving one or more out-of-school suspensions.

[U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) 2016]
2013–14 Preschool Enrollment and Out-of-School Suspensions (OSS) by Race/Ethnicity (CRDC)

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
<th>SWDs: one or more OSS</th>
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<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
<td>1.36%</td>
<td>1.80%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>3.40%</td>
<td>0.50%</td>
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<td>Hispanic or Latino of any race</td>
<td>30.07%</td>
<td>18.50%</td>
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<td>Black or African American</td>
<td>19.52%</td>
<td>48.60%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>42.11%</td>
<td>27.10%</td>
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<td>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</td>
<td>0.21%</td>
<td>0.20%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>3.34%</td>
<td>3.20%</td>
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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)

- Percentage of students identified as SWDs
- Percentage of one or more OSS received by SWDs
- Percentage of expulsions received by SWDs

Data for:
- 2011-12 Preschool
- 2011-12 School age
- 2013-14 Preschool
- 2013-14 School age
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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Percentage of Children Identified DD with Removals</th>
<th>Percentage of All Other SWDs with Removals</th>
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<tr>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>2.09%</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
<td>2.16%</td>
<td>11.89%</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
<td>2.35%</td>
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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?
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?
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?
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
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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