Pathway to the SiMR: Measuring Your SSIP Progress With Progress Monitoring Data
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Agenda

• Understanding the importance of State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) progress data
• Selecting the right SSIP progress data
• Using SSIP progress data to engage and inform
Importance of SSIP Progress Data
Purposes of Progress Monitoring

• Determine if you are meeting interim (i.e., short-term and intermediate) outcomes

• Gauge progress toward—or likelihood of—achieving long-term outcome (e.g., SiMR)

• Link the accomplishment of interim outcomes to the projected long-term outcome
Progress Monitoring in the SSIP

• Use progress monitoring data to answer the questions
  ▪ Why does it matter?
  ▪ How do you know?

• Show the impact of your state’s work

• Address questions at different levels of your initiative
Measuring Interim SSIP Outcomes

Document or illustrate intended results along the way toward the SiMR, such as

• Infrastructure or system changes
• Evidence-based practices implementation
• Educator changes
• Family and student outcomes
Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Review Criteria: Progress Toward the SiMR

- Based on
  - Meeting SiMR target
  - Presenting progress data showing progress tied to implemented activities
- Note the higher rating for progress monitoring data

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Selecting the Right Progress Data
Do You Have the Right Data?

- SiMR is improved graduation rate and report has data on implementation of literacy intervention…but no interim outcomes linked to graduation—like engagement or attendance.
- Improvement strategy is Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and reading intervention, and data show general student improvements…but no data on implementation of the strategies with targeted students.
Selecting the Right Progress Data

• Aligned to your implementation activities, evaluation questions, and intended outcomes
• Valid for what you are intending to measure
• Timely and relevant for decisionmaking
• Accessible and feasible
Align SSIP Progress Data to Your Activities and Intended Outcomes

• Use SSIP theory of action or logic model
• Determine your key evaluation questions and related outcomes at each “level” of the model
• Identify measures and sources data to address each evaluation question
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How much professional development and coaching on MTSS has the SEA provided?

How well are teachers and teams monitoring student progress and needs?

How much has LEA capacity to implement MTSS practices with fidelity increased?

How quickly and effectively are teachers and teams providing supports and interventions to targeted students?
## Identify Meaningful Progress Data

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<td>Dropout risk monitoring system</td>
<td>How successfully has the SEA instituted the dropout risk monitoring program?</td>
<td>What procedures and trainings have LEAs provided?</td>
<td>How well are teachers and teams identifying students at risk for dropout based on review of attendance, behavior, and academic data?</td>
<td>Graduation rates will improve for students with disabilities.</td>
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<td>• Documentation of the program’s development and dissemination to LEAs</td>
<td>• Documentation of LEA procedures • Count of training sessions • Training quality</td>
<td>How well are teachers and teams implementing and monitoring action plans?</td>
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<td>What improvements have there been in attendance, behavior, and academic data?</td>
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<td>• Record of data reviews to identify students • Action plan documentation • Student-level attendance, behavior, and academic data</td>
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Types and Sources of Progress Data

• Student-level data? Yes!
• But, also…
  ▪ Family data
  ▪ Educator data
  ▪ Systems data
    – School
    – District
    – State
• Documents or products
• Surveys
• Interviews
• Observations
• Assessments
• Other primary and secondary sources
Useful and Feasible Progress Data

• Timely and relevant for decisionmaking
  • Will the data be current?
  • Will the data be available in time to inform changes if necessary?

• Accessible and feasible
  • What data can we access within our own agency, or obtain from another agency/entity?
  • What elements require a new data collection effort?
  • What existing processes for obtaining, managing, and analyzing data will we leverage?
Using Progress Data to Engage and Inform
Consider All Stakeholders

- SSIP implementation team
- SEA and LEA staff
- Other state agencies
- School administrators
- Teachers
- Families
- Public
- OSEP
Use Progress Data Within Your SSIP Team

• Progress data can inform about progress toward long-term improvements
  ▪ Successes
    – Show that your plan is having the desired effects
  ▪ Changes needed
    – Indicate things are not going according to plan
    – Show where change might be needed to get back on track

• If you chose progress data sources well, they will indicate where change needs to happen in time to make that change
Use Progress Data With Your Stakeholders

• Engage stakeholders
  ▪ Show change that matters to them
  ▪ Maintain implementation efforts
  ▪ Create allies

• Provide evidence for your SSIP reporting
  ▪ Tell a coherent story about how activities lead to interim changes and then changes in the SiMR
  ▪ Answer “Why does it matter?” and “How do you know?” questions
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