EC Directors’ Webinar
April 21, 2015
Agenda

1. Determination Letters

2. SSIP/Practice Profile

2. Legislative Updates

4. Section Updates

5. Wrap-Up
LEA Determinations

- The State must monitor, enforce & report the implementation of the requirements of IDEA Part B
- Must use quantifiable indicators & qualitative indicators, as needed, to measure performance in given areas
- Must use targets in State Performance Plan to analyze performance of each LEA

CFR §300.600 & §300.602
LEA Determinations

- Levels of Performance include:
  - Meets Requirements
  - Needs Assistance
  - Needs Intervention
  - Needs Substantial Intervention

CFR §300.603
LEA Determinations

- If an LEA is not meeting IDEA requirements, including targets in the State Performance Plan, the SEA must prohibit the LEA from –
  - reducing its maintenance of effort; or
  - permissive use of 15% of IDEA funds for Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

CFR §300.608
LEA Determinations

• Letters notifying LEAs of their determination status are issued in July

• In past years, a compliance rubric was used

• **A compliance matrix** will be used for the 2015 determinations

• Consideration will be given to the addition of a results matrix in the future
Compliance Matrix

- **Meets Requirements** – matrix percentage ≥ 90%
- **Needs Assistance** – matrix percentage ≥ 75% & <90%
- **Needs Intervention** – matrix percentage < 75% and one or more additional conditions (e.g. certain compliance indicators below 50%; failure to provide data or data are not valid & reliable for compliance indicators; failure to correct non-compliance within one year)
- **Needs Substantial Intervention** – special conditions for failure to implement IDEA requirements; several years of longstanding non-compliance; etc.)
SSIP/Practice Profiles Update
Legislative Updates

- HB 420  LD and Dyslexia
- HB 133  EC Scholarships
- HB 237  Revoking PEPs
- SB 343  Student Assault
- HB 355  Enhance Group Homes (PRTF)
- HB 727  Reading Assessments
Policy, Monitoring and Audit (PMA) Updates

• Summer Institutes
  – Dispute Resolution: Establishing Capacity at the Local Level
  – Monitoring: What to Expect When It’s Your Turn
    • By invitation only to EC Directors/Coordinators
    • Based on new five-year cycle for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

• Region 3 Monitor
  – Julie Whetzel
  – Starts May 18, 2015
PMA Updates

• Upcoming Memos
  – Specially Designed Instruction
  – Revocation of Consent Part II
  – Private School Students
  – Discipline/Manifestation Determinations

• A webinar will be planned to review the contents of the memos. Details to come.
PMA- Questions from the Field

• If an EC teacher (e.g., in co-teaching environment and/or resource setting) is absent from work, must the school provide a substitute?

  – Yes. The lesson plans left for the substitute provide a critical piece of documentation that student services were not interrupted and a plan for the continued provision of FAPE was accomplished.
PMA- Questions from the Field

• If yes, must the substitute be a licensed EC teacher/licensed teacher/approved by meeting the substitute requirements of the LEA?

  – LEAs should follow the requirements for EC substitutes just as they would for classroom teachers.
  
  – CAUTION: Consider the following—
    • Will FAPE be provided under these conditions (a sick day is different from a long-term leave/vacancy)?
    • What documentation/plans will I need to support the least disruption to service delivery?
    • How should I communicate a long-term leave to parents? What do my plans include?
Program Improvement and Professional Development (PIPD) Updates

• Summer Institutes
  – Memo emailed 4/17/15
  – Registration deadline is 7/17/15
  – 46 total institutes (6 invite only)
  – Listed on EC Website
  – http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/conferences-profdev/summer-institutes
  – Registration is not FREE
PIPD Updates

Announcing
Region 7 EC Literacy Consultant

(Drumroll please……..)
Welcome!

Melanie Sharpe
Begins 5/18/15
Behavior Support Section (BSS) Updates

• PRC 29 – Initial Request for Funds–due May 1

• PRC 118 –PBIS Request for Funds–due May 1

• Midyear Report – PBIS and PRC 29

• Personnel Changes:
  – Region 7-Jennifer Phelps
  – Region 8-Felicia Goodgion
Supporting Teaching and Related Services (STARS) Updates

• If you have not already done so, please submit the name of one person to represent your district as your Transition Lead to Beverly Colwell, Beverly.Colwell@dpi.nc.gov
• This person will need to attend transition training and deliver training to EC Teachers in your district
• If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Colwell
STARS Updates

For Summer Institutes we will offer:

• A half-day IEP goal workshop (intended for PE teachers but open to all).

• An all-day session for PE teachers who desire certification in APE.

• An all-day session for those new to school practice (APE); recommended for contracted or newly hired therapists, psychologists or nurses.
STARS Updates

- Clarification: Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD):
  - July 6-8 Institute-------**Advanced Foundations of Math***
  - July 13-17 Institute-----**Advanced Literacy***

*Participants must have previously attended Foundations of Math or Foundations of Literacy training for SCD.
Special Programs and Data (SPD) Updates

• Tomorrow (4/22/2015) is the last day to submit April 1 Child Count
• Please ensure that all end of the year data is submitted on time
  – CECAS data
  – End of year Updates and Reversion forms for Special Project funds
    • Risk Pool
    • Special State Reserve
    • Developmental Day DDCF-1 end of year budget form
SPD Updates

• State IDEA Part B Grant Application comment period ends 4/24/2015

• EC Grant application went live 4/1/2015, EC grants are due May 29, 2015 (planning information will be forthcoming)

• CEIS information and memos for Significant disproportionality, Warning lists and Permissive use have all been sent out to LEAs
SPD Updates

• An IDEA Fiscal Accountability Summer Institute will be offered this year

• The 65th Conference on Exceptional Children
  
  *Graduation: The Measure of Tomorrow*
  
  – Call for Proposals (CFP) went live 4/1/2015
  – All CFPs for both Institutes and General Conference are due 5/15/2015
Regional Administrative Support (RAS) Updates

• New Directors’ Leadership Institute
  – Information and applications coming soon
• Regional Education Consultant Positions
  – Regions 5 & 6
  – Two new positions: Charters
• Charter and PRTF Academy
  – July 13-14---Charlotte
  – July 16-17---Raleigh
Future Webinar Dates

- June 2
- August 4
- October 6*
- December 1