



SAP & SICC Newsletter

The State Advisory Panel (SAP) and State Interagency Coordinating Panel

April 2023

IN THE KNOW:

This periodic newsletter is intended to address the information and communication needs of:

- SAP members and State Education Agency (SEA) staff
- SICC members and Lead Agency (LA) staff
- Individuals interested in learning about the functions of SAPs and SICC

Contact Us:

If you have a response, resource, or question to share or ask, send to: info@sapandsicc.org.

In future newsletters look for:

- Resources for conducting effective SAPs and SICC
- Updates on useful OSEP information
- Strategies for making an impact
- Approaches for engaging multiple voices in the mission of SAPs and SICC
- Tips for facilitating effective meetings
- Resources for conducting effective SAPs and SICC

QUESTION TO PONDER:

A recent inquiry from a state asked about making audio recordings of its meetings public and/or if *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* or *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)* required SAP/SICCs to provide audio recordings to council/panel members. As our workgroup is not able to respond to this from a legal perspective, there are some avenues to pursue to determine what is appropriate for your state. Below are useful resources.

TRY THESE RESOURCES:

To assist in determining your council/panel's action to the above question consider these resources:

- 1) Your state's Right to Know Law
- 2) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) <https://www.foia.gov/>
- 3) ADA: <https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/title-ii-2010-regulations/>
- 4) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and
- 5) Reference policies or procedures of other advisory councils from your state that operate in response to federal legislation. While these groups may have different regulations that create and structure their existence and purpose, they may offer some points of comparison or people to speak with specific to your state. (e.g., Department of Health and Human Services Interagency Coordinating Council; Vocational Rehabilitation Advisory Council).

WHAT'S NEW:

Upcoming Webinar

Communications Between the Public and SAPs or SICC

April 25, 2023, 3:00- 4:00 pm (EST)

Register Here:

https://wested.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkc-qspjktEt3B_oNN2uygz1kkaX8uRCn

Webinar Recording Posted

February 14, 2023

Developing and Marketing Effective Panel/ICC Annual Reports

Check it out here:

<https://vimeo.com/799157010/28b38041ae>

IDEA State Advisory Panels (SAP) and State Interagency Coordinating Councils (SICC) advise and assist the state education agency/state lead agency in the performance of their responsibilities as outlined in IDEA to address the needs of infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities. The EBLAST/NEWSLETTER and accompanying website at <https://osepideasthatwork.org/resources-grantees/sap-sicc> are provided to you by the SAP and SICC Workgroup consisting of interested staff at OSEP, OSEP Parent Training and Information Centers and Technical Assistance Centers, and states' SAP and SICC members and staff.