

# Bringing Indicator Data to Families

A Partnership between

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Federation for Children with Special Needs



**2023 OSEP LEADERSHIP AND PROJECT DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE**





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# What We Did

- Co-designed a process with Federation and DESE staff
- Provided families with information before each session
- Translated presentations into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Chinese, and Vietnamese
- Held 5 sessions in 2021 and 6 sessions in 2022
- Co-led each session with FCSN and DESE



# How We Did

- **583** Number of Participants
- **11** Number of Sessions
- **56%** Engaged in English
- **44%** engaged in other languages
- **7** Number of languages provided through Interpretation: ASL, Cantonese, Haitian-Creole, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese



# Our Learnings

- Families want information!
- Need to be flexible and responsive
- Careful planning is essential to all non-English speaking families to fully participate in the discussion
- Advance earning helps
- Trust each other
- Constantly improving, especially to elevate voice of families not always heard



# Resource Spotlight

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) website
  - Brings together IDEA information and resources from the Department and its grantees.
  - <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>
- IDEAS That Work
  - For information from research to practice initiatives funded by OSEP that address the provisions of IDEA and ESSA. This website includes resources, links, and other important information relevant to OSEP's research to practice efforts.
  - <https://osepideasthatwork.org/>
- Massachusetts State Performance Plan (MA SPP) and Annual Performance Reports (MA APR)
  - <https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/spp/maspp.html>
- Federation for Children with Special Needs
  - Fcsn.org



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