OSEP Monthly Technical Assistance Call

Return to School Guidance

DMS 2.0 Updates

August 26, 2021
Agenda

- Welcome
- Return to School Guidance
- DMS 2.0 Update and Adjustments
- Questions
Return to School Roadmap

► Letter to State and Local Partners
  • Read the Letter to OSERS State and Local Partners

► Press Release
  • Read the Press Release

► Part B Child Find Q&A
  • Q&As document on Child Find Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
OSEP launched DMS 2.0 under challenging circumstances

Thanks to all our States for your patience, and particularly to the Cohort I States for your flexibility

We completed the review of Fiscal Management with all Cohort I States and are preparing for review of the other components in the coming year

We pivoted to address emergent issues related to Pandemic and issued guidance
DMS and Continuous Improvement

- We are committed to DMS 2.0 and learning from our experience

- Today, OSEP is announcing adjustments to the implementation of DMS 2.0
  - Based on OSEP’s internal evaluation and feedback from States
  - Adjustments designed to maintain core concepts of DMS 2.0 and to address identified challenges

- Benefits of adjustments
  - Consistent and high quality DMS Monitoring
  - Efficient use of OSEP and State resources
DMS Adjustments

- Scheduling of Visits
- Timeline adjustments
- DMS IT engagement across all protocol components to promote consistency across the Division and when working with States
Timelines: Scheduling Phase 2 Activity

- OSEP will contact Cohort States to schedule Phase 2 activities in October.

- Goal is to provide States advance notice of the visit date to ensure clear understanding of monitoring visit timeline engagement.

- Timeline for Phase 1 activities; document requests and interviews, will be triggered by the Phase 2 date of visit.
Timelines: Phases

- OSEP will still use a phased approach
- Phases will no longer equal one year
- Phase 1:
  - Document requests will occur 5 months prior to Phase 2 visit
  - Interviews start 4 months prior to Phase 2 visit
- Phase 2: Visit through issuing of the monitoring report (no more than 4 months)
- Phase 3: Up to one year after the monitoring report is issued for closing out findings and to provide technical assistance
DMS 2.0 RoadMap 2021-2022 Example

▶ October 2021
  • Establish on-site visit schedule for Cohort 1 States to be held in during 2021-2023.

▶ Timeline Example
  • Onsite/Virtual Visit Month of June 2022
  • October 2021-January 2022: Gather evidence and prepare documents for submission to OSEP in January.
Onsite Visit Scheduled for June 2022 Example

Phase 1
- **January 2022**: OSEP Document Request (5 months before visit)
- **February 2022-May 2022**: Engage in interviews and calls with OSEP monitoring team (4 Months before visit)

Phase 2
- **June 2022**: On-site/virtual visit
- **June 2022-October 2022**: Creation and Issuance of Monitoring Report (120 Days after on-site/virtual visit)

Phase 3
- **October 2022-closeout**: Response to OSEP findings and closeout activities
**DMS 2.0 Roadmap**

**Cohort 1 Example**

**October 2021**
- Onsite/Virtual Visit Scheduled for Cohort 1 States

**PHASE 1:**
- Pre-site Document Request
- Protocol Interviews

**PHASE 2:** Visit
- Onsite/Virtual State Engagement

**October 2022**
- Onsite/Virtual Visit Scheduled for Cohort 2 States
- Issue Letter for JUNE onsite/virtual visits

**Phase 1** will occur during the 5 months prior to the visit (one month for document request, 4 months for protocol interviews)

**Phase 2** will occur from the onsite/virtual visit through the issuance of the monitoring report (120 days after visit)

**Phase 3** will occur up to one year after the issuance of the monitoring report.
Dedicated Monitoring Teams

- All aspects of monitoring will be led by members of the DMS IT
- DMS IT members will be assigned to specific components and will lead the monitoring activities in those areas
- State leads will remain first line of contact and active participants in all monitoring activities
Phase 2 Monitoring will likely be hybrid of on-site and virtual activities, depending upon health conditions and needs of State.

Phase 2 agenda will be customized to:

- Examine implementation of policies and procedures examined in Phase 1
- Address concerns identified in Phase 1
- Delve deeply into additional areas determined on State-by-State basis - for example:
  - Part B LEA Allocations
  - Part C System of Payments
  - Part B or C child find and evaluations
  - C-B transition
  - Disciplinary practices
DMS 2.0 Protocol Updates

Next three sets of protocols to be released:

- Data and SPP/APR
- Dispute Resolution
- Technical Assistance and Professional Development

Feedback sessions will be held with States by our OSEP funded TA partners, on these protocols, in September

Goal to post by October 1
Next Steps

- Cohort 2: Official notification letters September 2021

- Cohort 1: Phase 2 (onsite/virtual) Scheduling call October 2021
  - Schedule for Phase 2 will determine:
    - Date of document request
    - Dates of Phase 1 interviews

- Cohort 3: Official notification letters September 2022

- Cohort 2: Phase 2 (onsite/virtual) Scheduling call October 2022