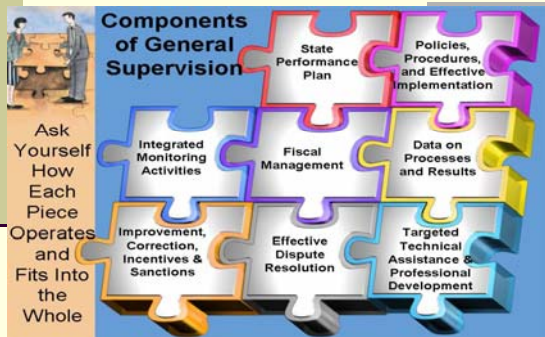


Division of Special Education

General Supervision of Special Education Programs

New Special Education Director's Training
Summer 2008

Components of General Supervision





State Performance Plan (SPP) & Annual Performance Reports (APR)

- Required by IDEA 2004
- Set of 20 performance indicators established by OSEP (14 apply to districts)
 - Targets set for 2005-06 through 2010-11
 - Improvement activities that will enable the state (and local districts) to meet the targets
- Public reporting of state and district performance compared to targets is required by statute and is critical to ensuring accountability to the public
- District data on performance in each area is used in monitoring



Policies, Procedures and Effective Implementation

- Policies
 - Federal regulations
 - State regulations
 - Compliance Standards & Indicators
 - Local Compliance Plan
 - Local Board policies
- Procedures to implement policies
- System to evaluate effective implementation of policies and procedures



Integrated Monitoring Activities

- Related to noncompliance and program improvement
- Multiple methods and data sources exist to monitor every program, every year
- On site and off site reviews with written reports that specify necessary evidence of correction and/or improvement
- Technical assistance and PD support improvement and correction



Data on Processes and Results

- Collection and verification
- Examination and analysis
 - Identify patterns and trends
 - Identify connections between indicators
- Reporting of data
- Status determination
 - Meets requirements, needs assistance, intervention or substantial intervention
- Improvement
 - Data used to plan and revise activities for program improvement and progress measurement



Improvement, Correction, Incentives & Sanctions

- Includes explicit State authority to enforce regulations, policies, and procedures
- Uses technical assistance to ensure correction of noncompliance
- Includes improvement planning to meet state and local targets
- Has means for corrective action planning and follow up tracking of correction and improvement
- Includes a range of formalized strategies and/or sanctions for enforcement with written timelines
- Determines the status of local programs annually



Targeted Technical Assistance and Professional Development

- Directly connected to SPP and improvement activities
- Are provided to correct noncompliance and improve results
- Measure the effectiveness of implementation
- Generally provided through your local RPDC by
 - Improvement Consultants
 - Compliance Consultants



Effective Dispute Resolution

- Acts as a safety net for areas not specifically monitored through other processes
- Issues tracked to inform monitoring activities
- Will be discussed more in the Compliance session
- Questions for local staff
 - What can we do to avoid disputes, if possible, and, if not possible...
 - What can we do to settle disputes at the lowest level and at the earliest possible time?



Fiscal management

- OSEP priority
- Funds are used in accordance with federal and state requirements
- DESE will be developing processes to review & ensure appropriate fiscal management

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