OSEP Review of State’s Phase II SSIP Submission

A team from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) facilitated a virtual meeting in July to review the State’s Phase II SSIP plan (submitted in April).

The purpose of the State Review Calls with OSEP is to discuss the plans with states to identify needed supports the state may need to implement the plan, for the state to provide clarification of points as needed, and for the OSEP team, the Part C team, and the National TA Partner or Partners attending the call to discuss feasibility of implementation.

OSEP Advisor Curtis Kinnard provided the following feedback on the Phase II submission:

“The overall SSIP is well organized and simple to follow for the reader” with a “good connection of Ph I and II, which is critical for the reader who may not be familiar with Ph I work.”

“Ph I and II are easy to read, which is important to be a useful tool for the state and for various stakeholders so it’s something people can pick up and read and easily find specific information.”

[Plan] “provided good background information on background, and how different agencies and stakeholders collaborated. Good connection between strategies and outcomes and gave a roadmap to the SiMR that shows starting point and points in between on the way to reach the SiMR.”

“A special thank you goes out to the many interested individuals (stakeholders) who have contributed their time, ideas, and talents to supporting us in this work!
One of the primary goals of the conference was to support states in the systemic improvement planning work of early implementation and documenting beginning implementation in Phase III of the SSIP, with a variety of opportunities for states to learn from each other. Representing Arkansas, Yvonne and Ravyn co-presented information about their work with stakeholders using **Leading by Convening** principles to involve stakeholders in the SSIP work.