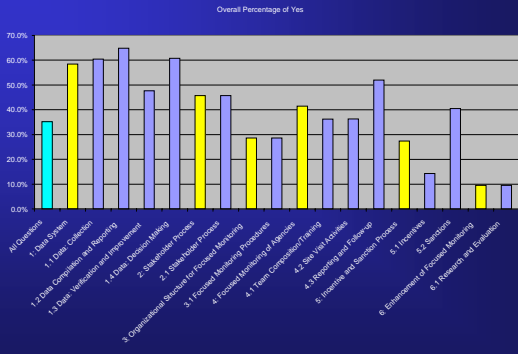
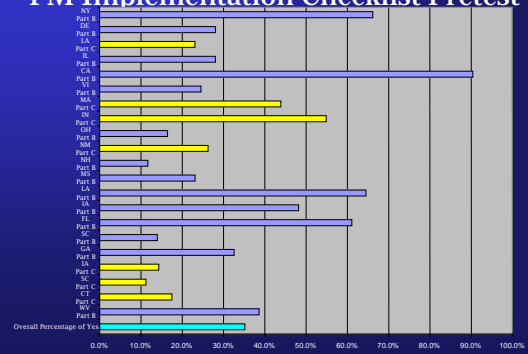


Interim Evaluation Report

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FM Implementation Checklist Pretest



Work Plan Content Analysis

Concern/Need	# entities mentioned	Weighted score
Data system	16	66
Focused monitoring (agencies)	14	49
Stakeholders	13	48
Procedures	8	29
Training monitors	4	11
Research & eval.	3	10
State profile	2	9
Family involvement	3	8
Sanctions/Incentives	4	7
Site visit activities	1	3
Desk audit	1	3
C & B interface	1	2
Data verification	1	1
Total # entities	21	

State Perspectives of the NCSEAM

- E-mail questionnaire to entities served by NCSEAM as of January 2004
- 64% (14/22) responded, after prompts
- Full responses (i.e., raw data) have been organized by question in reports sent to the Board
- Questionnaire method from interview techniques—general to specific

What are you now doing that has been enhanced by NCSEAM?

- Focused monitoring
- Also numerous related activities

What is the biggest challenge you are facing in establishing or refining your accountability system?

- Data systems
- Procedural safeguards
- Others
 - Defining educational benefit, making sure nothing is left out, reaching districts in a meaningful way in the face of diminished resources, and measuring child developmental progress and family outcomes (Part C).

To what extent and how is the National Monitoring Center helping you face this challenge?

- Defining educational benefit
- Issues about family involvement
- What other states are doing
- Other: sequencing the change process, continuous consultation, mock profiles, limiting the number of indicators, developing strategic plans, access to OSEP

What about your accountability system are you proud of?

- Data system
- Monitoring software
- Annual presentation of data
- Using data for decision making
- Involvement of stakeholders
- Electronic data collection
- Data on important indicators
- LEA profiles

How if at all did NCSEAM contribute to this?

- History with Coulter
- Support from Center staff
- Ideas from other states
- Implementation Checklist

What activity done with National Monitoring Center people has been the most helpful to you?

- On-site consultation
- FM Implementation Checklist
- Other: were the development of work plans, meeting with other states, putting processes into a manual, and the educational-benefits discussion

What specific activity or behavior conducted by your office has changed as a result of NCSEAM technical assistance? Think about (a) data systems, (b) stakeholder process, (c) organizational structure, (d) focused monitoring of agencies/locals, (e) incentive and sanction process, and (e) enhancement of focused monitoring.

TA Results

- Software
- Everything!
- Nothing yet!
- Identification benchmarks
- Stakeholder process
- District report cards
- Enhancement of FM
- Data systems
- Data validation
- Systematization of data collection

What could the National Monitoring Center do better or differently?

- Not much
- Maybe newsletter or listserv and training materials

Rate your satisfaction with NCSEAM

Not at all satisfied	0
Somewhat satisfied	0
Satisfied	4
Very Satisfied	10

Conclusion

- Important pretest data have been collected
- States have altered their behavior as a result of NCSEAM activities
- Extent to be determined