

**OSEP Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator B-17 and C-11:
State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)
Talking Points**

Background

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) recently changed its approach to monitoring and supporting states with the goal of improving educational and functional outcomes for children with disabilities. To place a greater emphasis on monitoring for results, OSEP has added a new indicator (B-17 and C-11) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) that requires states to develop a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) focused on improving results for children with disabilities. States will submit the first components of the SSIP beginning with the FFY 2013 SPP/APR due in February 2015.

Overview of Indicator B-17 and C-11/SSIP

- The State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is a comprehensive, multi-year plan that focuses on improving results for children with disabilities.
- The SSIP will be reported in the state’s SPP/APR (Indicator 11 for Part C and Indicator 17 for Part B).
- While the primary focus of the SSIP is on improved outcomes and results, states must also address how they will use their general supervision systems to improve implementation of the requirements of Parts B and C of the IDEA.
- The development and implementation of the SSIP will require strong collaboration with internal and external partners.
- The SSIP will be submitted in three phases described below.

Phase	Due Date	Components
Phase I	Submitted by states in the FFY 2013 SPP/APR, due no later than February 2, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection and analysis of data • Identification of focus area for improvement • Analysis of state infrastructure to support improved results in focus area • Theory of action that describes plans for improvement
Phase II	Submitted by states in the FFY 2014 APR, due no later than February 1, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure development to improve results • Support for LEA implementation of improvement strategies and evidence-based practices • Evaluation plan
Phase III	Submitted by states in the SPP/APR FFY 2015 in 2017, FFY 2016 in 2018, FFY 2017 in 2019, and FFY 2018 in 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the state’s on-going evaluation of the strategies included in the SSIP • State progress in implementing improvement strategies and any revisions that have been made to the SSIP

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