

Data Working Group

January 23, 2018

Presenter is _____ on February 13th at the advisory committee meeting.

Attendance: Jimmy Acevedo, Sheryl Tatum

GOALS:

1. Study current data trends in alternative education.
2. Identify what student and program data should be collected.
3. Analyze data for training, programs, and incentives to improve outcomes.

How do we want to collect data?

- Individual student data---previous years
- Program data—currently
- Add questions to collect demographic data like gender and race/ethnicity
- Group would like data collected in the WAVE or SSO

Looking at the Oklahoma past and present data collections, Arkansas data, and the Massachusetts self-assessment, which one would best fit Oklahoma Alternative Education Program needs?

- Group would still like for someone to physically visit program - one visit every other year would be satisfactory
- Group would like to have more professional development geared toward alternative education issues and data that is collected.

Can district information systems identify alternative education and credit recovery students?

- Dawn Williams from Data explained that it would cost districts to add this component to their student information systems if not already available.
- Most of the data discussed she believes is already in the system, but would need a report or program to retrieve in a user-friendly manner.
- PowerSchool already has this option for identifying alternative education students.

Should we track how many credits each student receives in a year?

- Does the WAVE or SSO do this?
- Can student information systems track this? It would depend how the student schedules are input into the system – manual upload of courses may present a barrier for pulling this information in small programs.

Recommendations:

- Group would like to have data collected by the WAVE or Single Sign On yearly with a site visit every other year. It was frustrating and time consuming when we collected the extensive, individual student data because most of the data was already in the student information system. What specific data to collect depends on if we are able to connect to the WAVE or SSO.
- Group would like professional development geared to alternative education programs and the data that is collected.