



Child Outcomes Summary Form Data Community of Practice (COSF Data CoP)

What is the COSF Data CoP?

After countless hours of hard work collecting data on child outcomes, many numbers from the COSF are entered in your data system. So, now what?

- What should these numbers look like? Are the numbers in your state different from what is being collected in other states?
- How should one look at them in different ways to be prepared to discuss them with the media?
- What are the implications of these numbers for quality assurance or program improvement activities?

These are some of the kinds of questions that interest members of the **Child Outcomes Summary Form Data Community of Practice (COSF Data CoP)**. The COSF Data CoP was formed by the ECO Center as a way for individuals working in states using the COSF to share their experiences with analyzing and interpreting outcomes data. The group discusses patterns observed in data from many different states. Topics discussed are based on suggestions from the group.

Examples of topics discussed in the past or proposed for future meetings:

Comparison of progress data states submitted for federal reporting • Rating distributions and progress by child, family, and service characteristics • Red flags: Indicators of data quality concerns • Extent of and reasons for attrition in data • Rating distributions and progress for families who move within the state • Individual state sharing on COSF data analysis approaches and interpretations

How often does the COSF Data CoP meet?

The group meets via conference call/webinar approximately every other month, and occasionally meets face-to-face at national meetings. **Our next conference call will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time.**

Want to join the COSF Data CoP?

State Part C and Section 619 staff in states using the COSF are invited to join the mailing list. Just email staff@the-eco-center.org. Others interested in the group should first request permission from their Part C or Section 619 coordinators.



