# DATA DRIVEN DECISION MAKING WITH SCHOOL TEAMS



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## DATA BASE DECISION MAKING TOOLS



**Roots to Resources** 

**Transition Summit** 

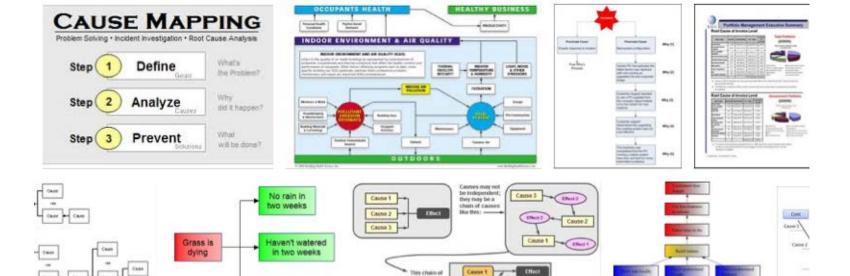




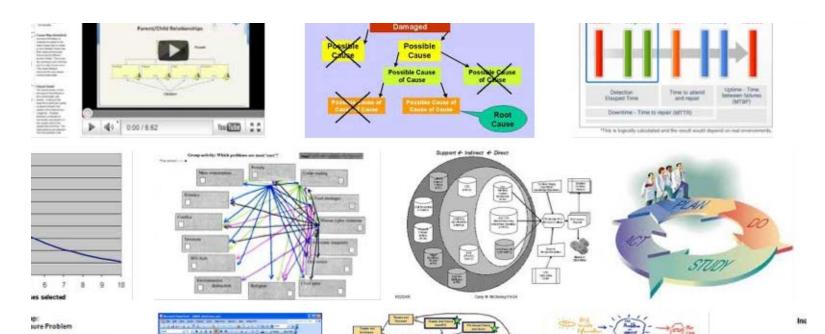
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## **ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS...**





# ROOTS CAUSE ANALYSIS: DATA-BASED DECISION MAKING

### Effective tool to

- Investigate a problem that has already occurred (Reactive response)
- Analyze and improve processes before the break down (Proactive response) P.G. Preuss (2003)
- Focuses on prevention, not blame or punishment
- Focuses on system level vulnerabilities rather than individual performance

  E.J. Dunn & D. Renner (nd), http://www.med.cornell.edu/risk-management/best\_practices/RootCauseAnalysis.ppt

Specific underlying causes that we have control over (not the weather) and we can make effective recommendations for prevention. Rooney, J.J & Vanden Heuvel, L.N. (2004). Root Cause Analysis for Beginners.

## CRITICAL STEPS

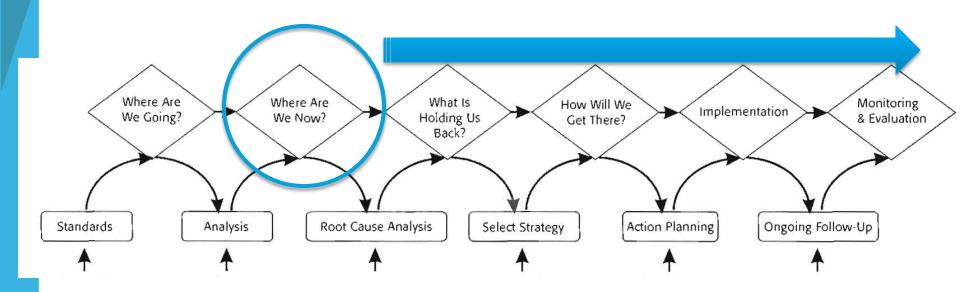
- What happened? (event)
  - What happened that day?
  - What <u>usually</u> happens? (norms)
  - What <u>should</u> have happened? (policies)
- Why did it happen?

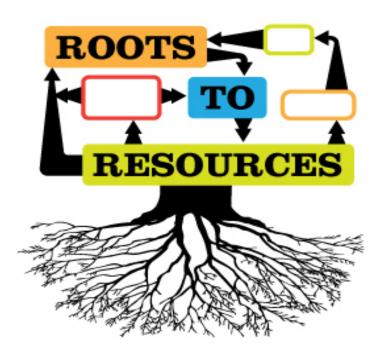
 What are we going to do to prevent it from happening again? (actions/outcomes)

How will we know that our actions improved it?

## **ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS PROCESS**

P.G. Preuss (2003)





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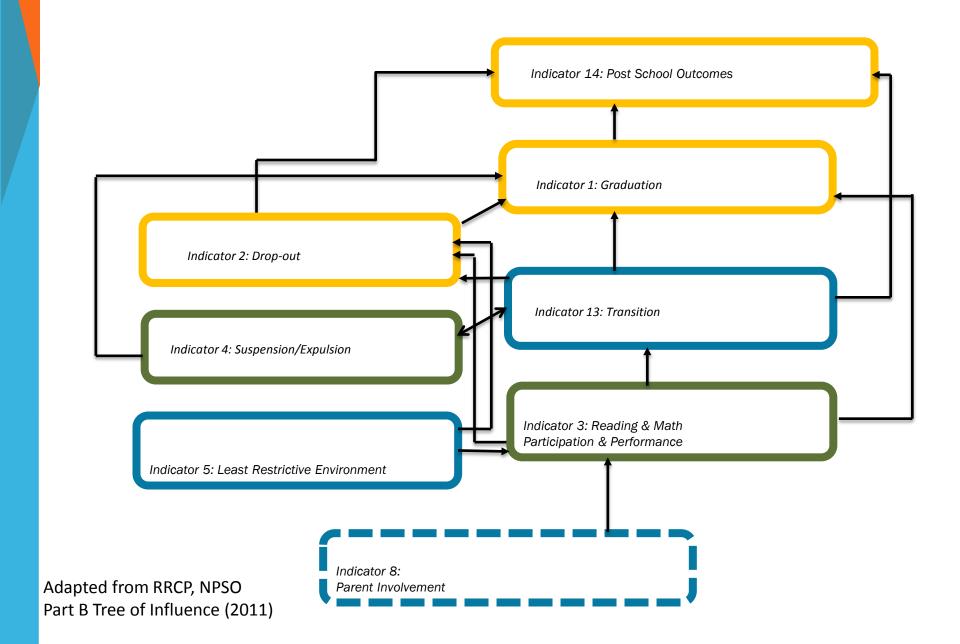




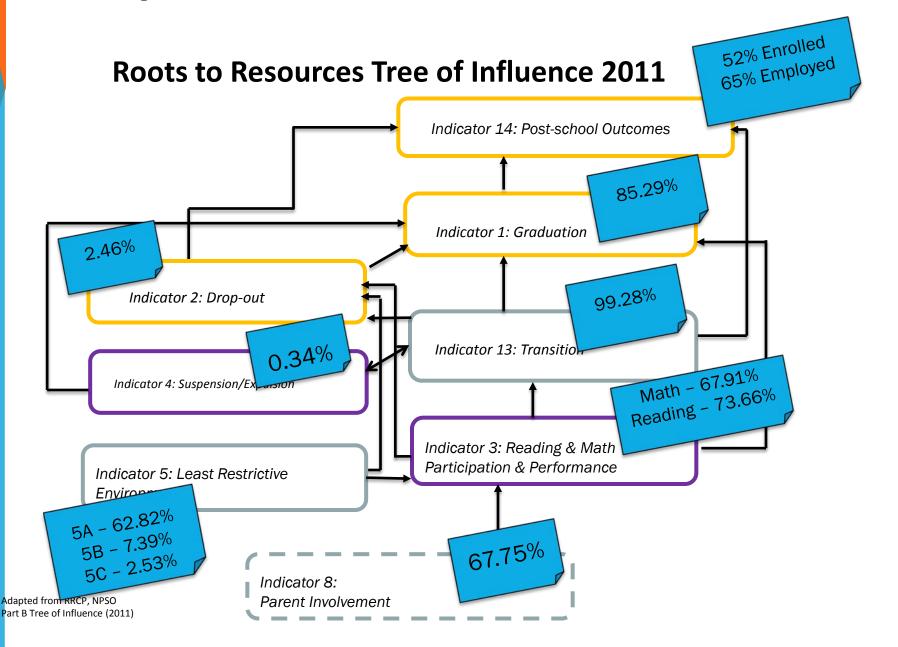
## **CLUSTER 1 TARGETS**

	SPP Targets	APR 2010	APR 2011
Indicator	School Year	2008-09	2009- 10
1 Graduation	Percent of youth w/ IEPs graduating	75%	80%
2 Drop-out	Percent of youth with IEPs dropping out	New baseline data year	2.45%
4 Suspensions & Expulsions	Percent of suspensions & expulsions >10 days of youth with IEPs	1.59%	1.40%
13 Transition Services	Percent of youth with IEPs aged 16+ w/ an IEP that meets transition services compliance	100%	100%
14 Post-School Outcomes	Percent of youth w/ IEPs engaged in post-school activities A. Higher education B. Higher ed <u>or</u> competitively employed C. Higher ed, or comp. employed, <u>or</u> some other postsecondary training or some other employment	Baseline data year	48.6% 72.6% 83.2%

## **Roots to Resources Tree of Influence**



# **Step 1: Examine SPP Data**



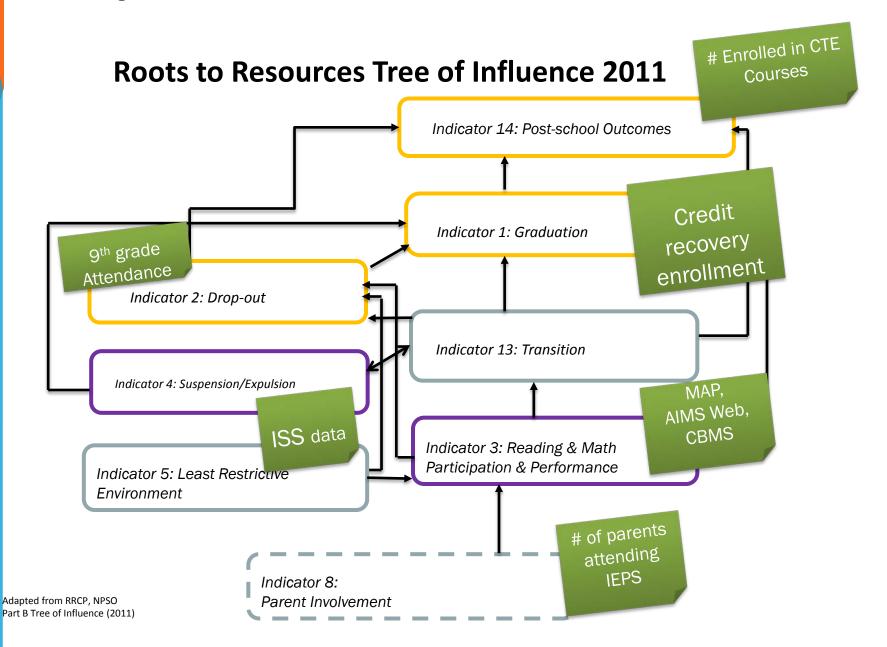
## STEP 2: NOTE OTHER DATA

## Note Other important data

## Consider...

- Attendance
- In-School Suspension Rates
- Course Grades
- Retentions
- Other important local data... such as... ??

# **Step 2: Other Data**





## STOP, THINK, WRITE.



What do I see in our tree?

Where are the strengths?

What concerns me?

What indicators did we miss?



Prioritize the **missed** indicators based on your team's work on the Tree of Influence activity.

## **BECAUSE STATEMENT:**

There are pros and cons for prioritizing any particular indicator before another.

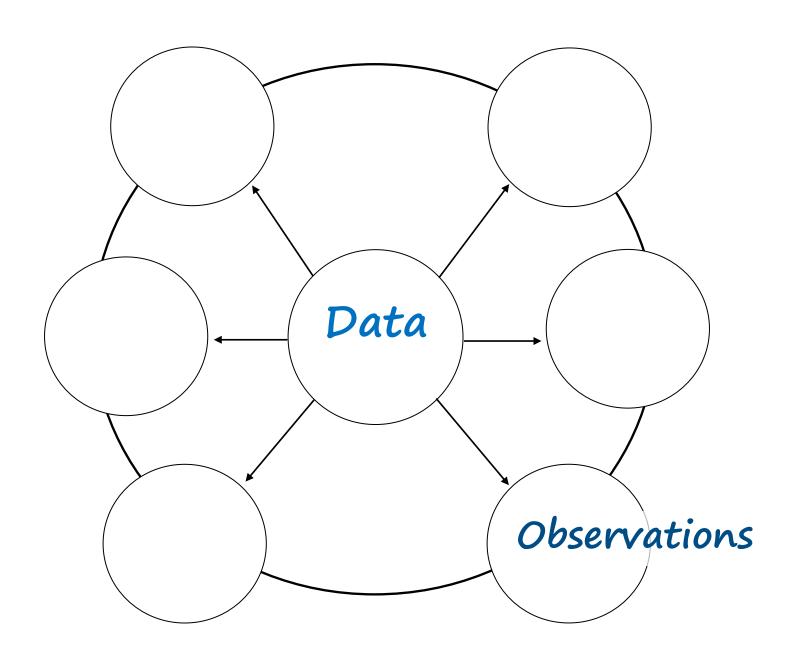
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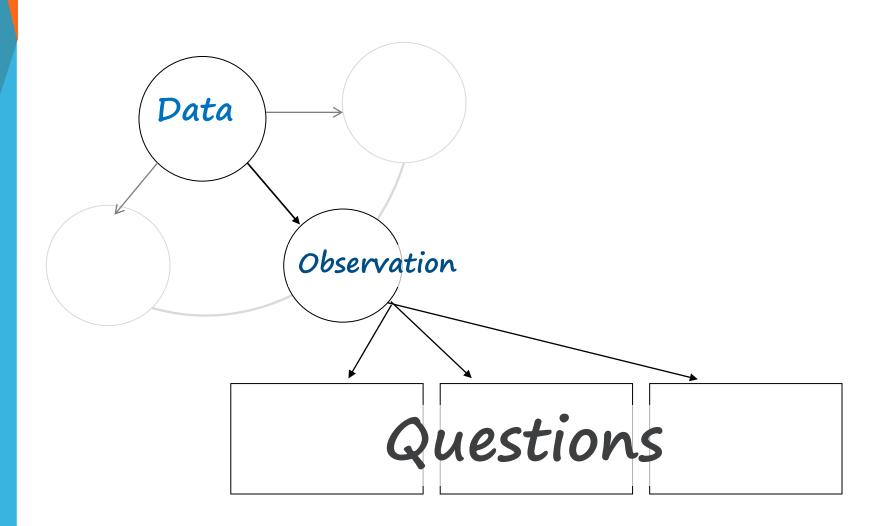


## **EXAMPLE**

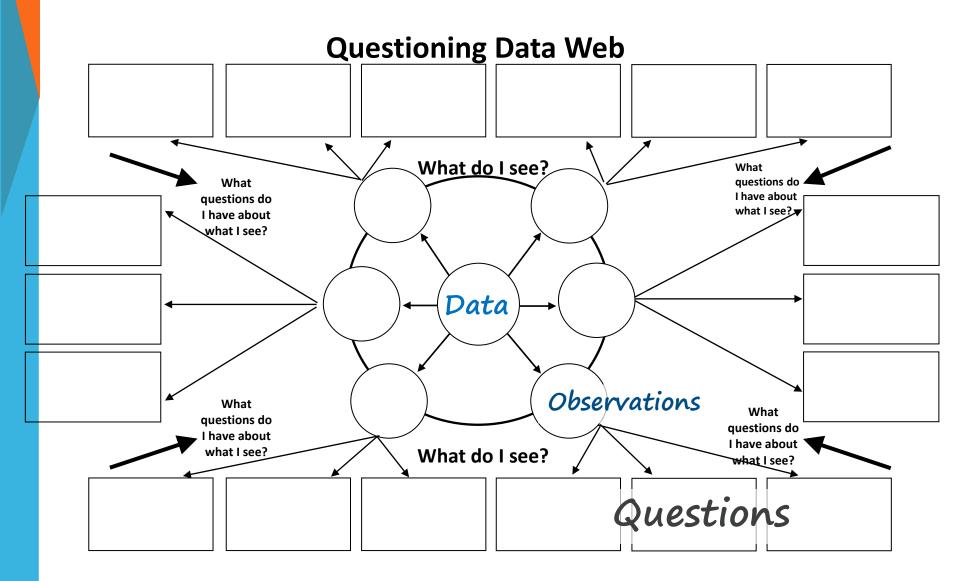
Our team prioritizes SPP Indicator 13 – Transition Services because...

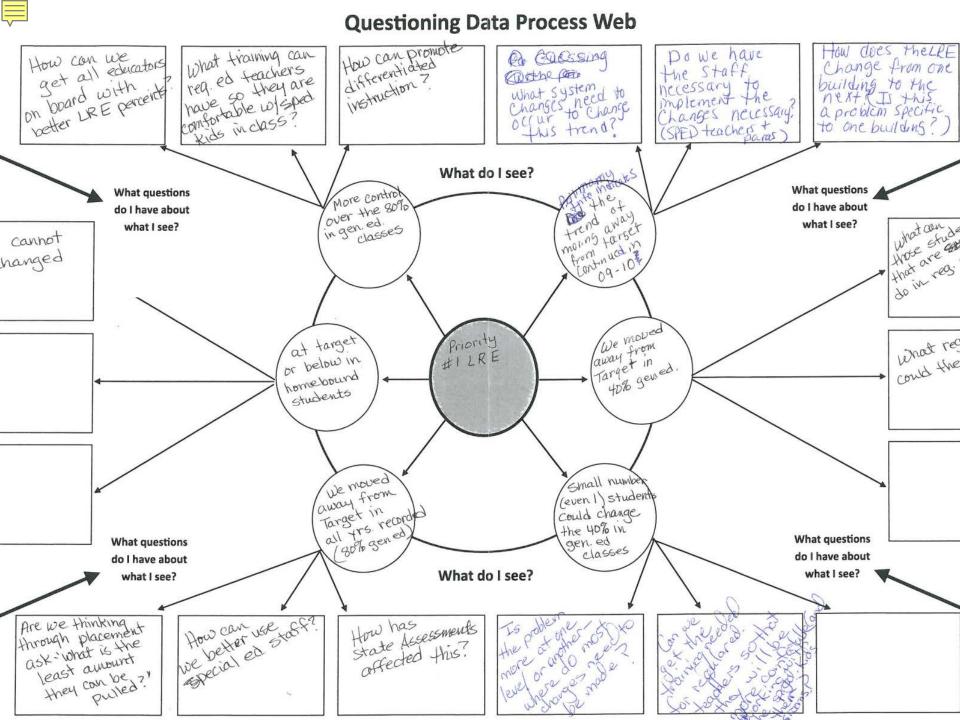
- The factors identified are within our immediate influence.
- Better transition services will improve students' reaching of post-school goals
- Improved transition improves graduation & dropout rates too.











## I/We Do It

# EXAMPLE: PURPOSE/ ACTIONS

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Phase

Purpose

**Statement:** 

The Roots to Resources Team will share the responsibility of gathering Math teachers to discuss priority consensus and Math CBM data to evaluate for further root cause analysis.

Action Step	Who	When	How
Meet with Curriculum Director about CBM Data Access	Team Facilitator	Oct. 4	Roots team will have access to CBM data.
Meet as Roots team to review CBM data	Roots Team	Oct. 7	Completed Questioning Data Web on Math CBM data
Identify Math teachers, Math team in decision making	Team Administrator, Math Team Members	Oct. 7	District List is highlighted with Math teachers names and emails for contact

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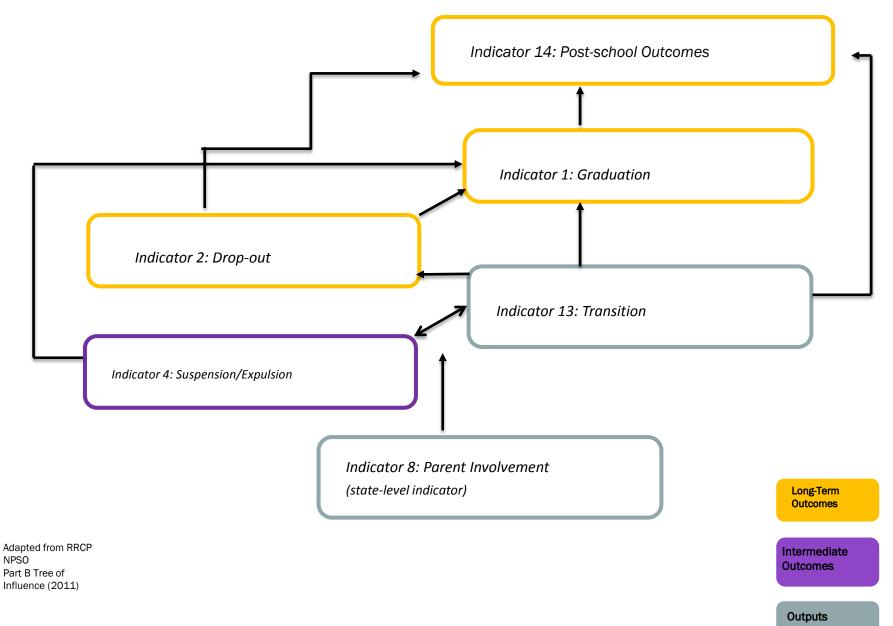
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## **KSSC Transition Tree of Influence for Cluster 1**



## 2 STEP PROCESS: DATA ANALYSIS

**Step 1: SPP Data:** APR data <u>Data source:</u> Team District Data Portfolio, or data online. (SPP/APR data for each district can be found at <a href="http://ddesurvey.com/kansasAPR/">http://ddesurvey.com/kansasAPR/</a>

Step 2: Other Data: attendance or in-school suspension, the percentage of student-led IEPs, teacher in-service training and professional development, etc... <u>Data sources</u>: District Data Portfolio, or district's own data systems.

**Step 3: Key Factors:** positive &negative- qualitative data, policies, programs or procedures, community factors, climate, or any other important aspect school that may influence SPP performance. <u>Data source</u>: team knowledge, District Data Portfolio, district's own data systems.

## STEP 4: CONNECTIONS & PRIORIZING

Consider all the information on *completed* Tree of Influence.

- What do you see? What stands out?
- Are there any gaps?
- What do you want to see?
- Team members generate 3 reasons why an indicator should be prioritized ("pros") and writes them on post-it note.
- Each team member picks the best reason and "sticks it" on the indicator
- Teams discuss the overall "pros".
- Teams then look at each indicator again and decide together on 2 reasons not to prioritize an indicator ("cons")?
- Team uses this information to prioritize your indicator

# STEP 5: GUIDED DISCUSSION OF IDENTIFIED INDICATOR AREA

#### Graduation and Dropout Guiding Questions: SPP Indicators 1 and 2 T

The following questions address issues related to graduation and dropout for students with disabilities in the district or school.

#### District Procedures and Data

- What district-wide policies and/or procedures contribute to students with disabilities graduating from high school? What are the barriers to their graduating?
- What district-wide policies and/or procedures contribute to students with disabilities dropping out of high school? What are the barriers to their dropping out?
- Can students who dropout re-enter high school? What strategies are in place to encourage this?
- How does our graduation rate compare with the state's graduation rate?
- Considering the overall graduation and dropout rates for youth with disabilities from our school/district, what surprised us?
- Are some groups of students (i.e., gender, disability groups, race/ethnicity, or age) graduating or dropping out of school at a higher rate than we expected?
- How is data collected on school leavers?
- Do we need to utilize data systems that support a realistic diagnosis of the number of students who drop out and that identify individual students at high risk of dropping out?

#### Attendance T

- How do we monitor absences?
- How many days must a student be absent to to student?
- · Does the district or school have targets for att
- What was the attendance rate?
- ■What natterns are visible in the attendance rat

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# STEP 6: CREATING A VISION FOR SUCCESS

A vision statement is a convincing description of how student outcomes are improved in various ways through school services.. The school leader is the "shepherd" of the vision and the facilitator of its development through the mission and goals.

## Teams reflect on:

- Where has the school/program been?
- Where is it presently?
- Where do you want it to be or what do you want it to become?

Team Vision Statement:

## **STEP 7: GOAL SETTING**

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	S¤	Specific. <sup>™</sup>	Clear and well-defined; who what, where, when¤	п
	MĦ	Measurable♯	How much, How many, How often <sup>□</sup>	п
	Α¤	Attainable, achievable¤	Can you achieve this?	п
	R¤	Resources¤	Feasibility; consider available resources, staff, funds, and time	П
	Τ¤	Time-based¤	Practical completion date and benchmark dates¤	п

View pages 13 and 14 for additional graphic organizers and SMART questions that may help teams develop a SMART team goal.

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### SMART Team Goal:



## GOAL ATTAINMENT SCALE (GAS)

Level of Attainment	Target Item for Improvement:
	Formal and informal assessment measures are available to school staff in order to develop transition plans that target postschool goals and outcomes (employment, post-secondary education, independent living).
Much less -2 than expected	All secondary special education teachers have access to at least four formal and four informal assessments but are not utilizing any assessments prior to a student's transition planning meeting.
Somewhat less -1 than expected	Secondary special education teachers are using at least one of the available assessments prior to a student's transition planning meeting for 20% of the students eligible for transition assessment.
Expected level 0 of outcome	All secondary special education teachers have access to at least four formal and four informal assessments staff in order to develop transition plans that target postschool goals and outcomes (employment, postsecondary education, independent living).
Somewhat more +1 than expected	Secondary special education teachers are using at least one assessment prior to a student's transition planning meeting for 50% of the students eligible for transition assessment.
Much more +2 than expected	Secondary special education teachers are using at least two assessment measurements prior to a student's transition planning meeting for 50% of the students eligible for transition assessment.

## **STEP 8: ACTION PLANNING**

- What other stakeholders might need to join the team to help us meet our expected outcome?
- What other data do we need to gather to be informed about our expected outcome?
- What resources and initiatives currently address our expected outcome?

## **Probing Questions**

- Are there other ways to achieve the same expected outcome? If external factors come up, what are some alternative strategies?
- Consider potential barriers. What strategies can we employ to address these barriers?
- What other community or district resources are available to assist with this expected outcome?

## **STEP 9: SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability: The ability of a program to withstand shocks over time while maintaining core beliefs and values and using them to guide its adaptations to change.

- Leadership
- Collaboration
- Program results
- Strategic funding
- Staff
- Program Responsivity



## EARLY WARNING - EARLY RESPONSE

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PREDICTING & PREVENTING DROPOUT
USING READILY AVAILABLE DATA

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# DATA ANALYSIS FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION

- Alterable ⇒ Actionable
- ■Attendance
- □ Achievement
- **□**Attainment

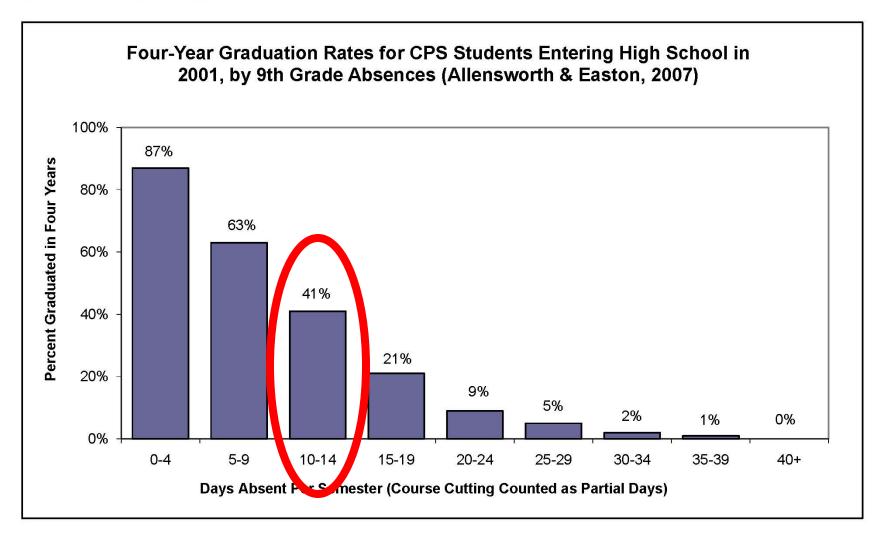
## **Status**

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- **⋈** SES
- ☑ Disability

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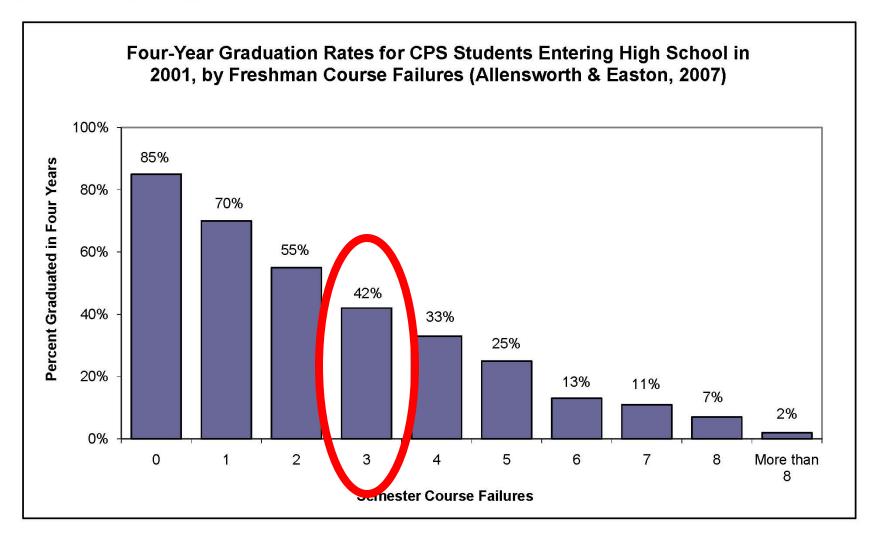


# "High-Yield" Academic Indicators: Attendance





# "High-Yield" Academic Indicators: Course Failures





## **EWS FRAMEWORK**

### STEP 1

Establish roles and responsibilities

### STEP 7

Evaluate and refine the EWS process

### STEP 2

Use the EWS Tool v2.0

### STEP 6

Monitor students and interventions

### STEP 3

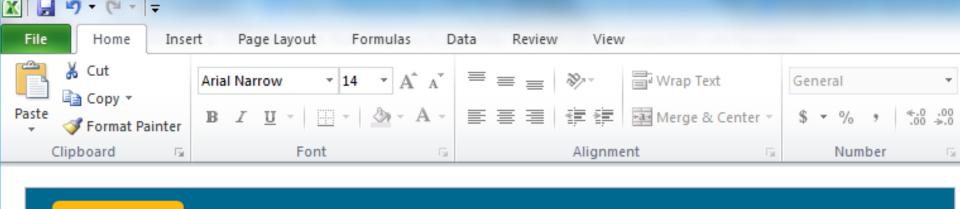
Review the EWS data

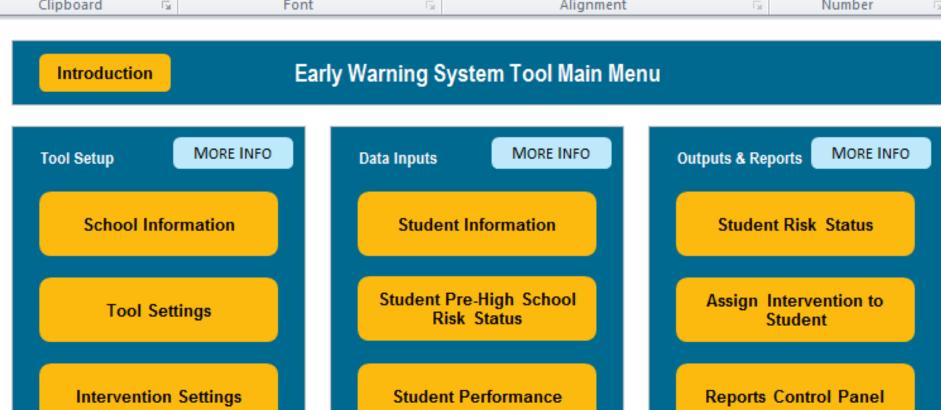
### STEP 5

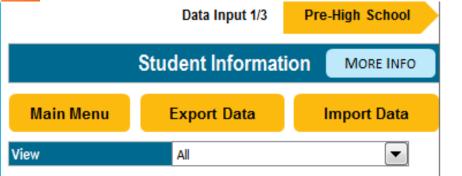
Assign and provide interventions

### STEP 4

Interpret the EWS data





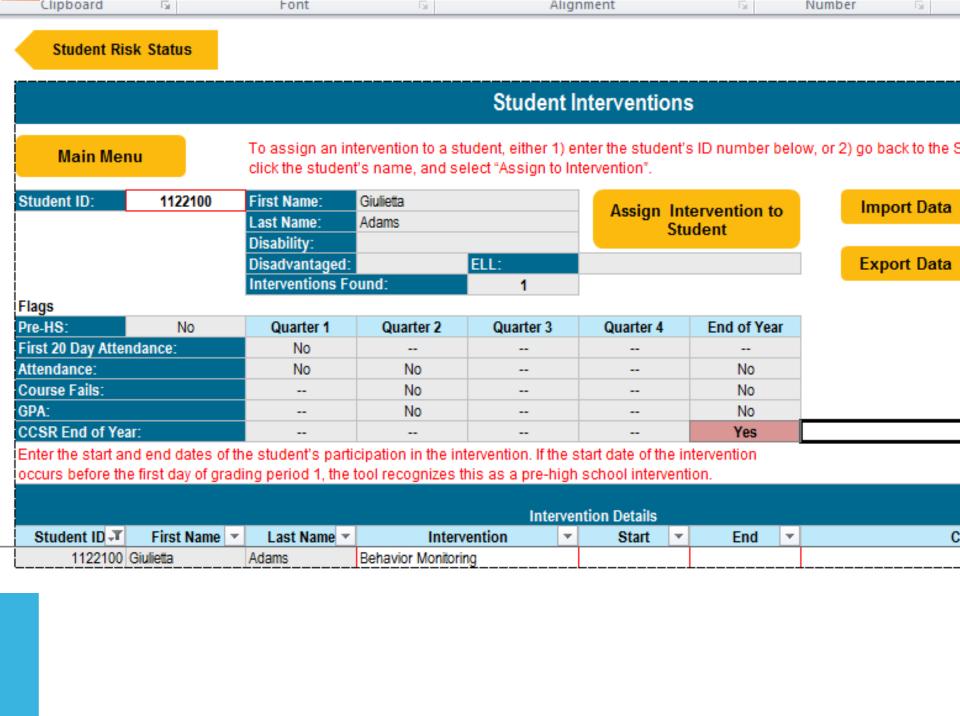


Student Details			Student Demographics				
First Name	Last Name	Student ID	Grade	DOB (mm/dd/yyyy)	Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Disability
Giulietta	Adams	1122100	9	5/15/1996	F	American Indian or Alaskan Native	
Greta	Andrews	1122101	9	4/5/1996	F	White	Learning Disabil
Peter	Andreou	1122102	9	11/18/1995	M	White	_
Katherine	Barkauskas	1122103	9	4/15/1996	F	Asian or Pacific Islander	Learning Disabil
Chad	Barna	1122104	9	10/16/1995	M	Hispanic	_
Denise	Boyles	1122105	9	4/16/1996	F	Black	
Mimi	Cao	1122106	9	4/6/1996	F	Asian or Pacific Islander	
Claire	Cartwright	1122107	9	11/5/1995	F	White	Learning Disabil
Andrea	Crowder	1122108	9	12/25/1995	F	Black	-
Linda	Day	1122109	9	12/17/1995	F	Black	
Bradley	Dietrich	1122110	9	3/13/1996	M	White	Emotional disturba
Jennifer	Dunn	1122111	9	9/15/1995	F	Black	
Kimberly	Eaton	1122112	9	7/17/1996	F	White	
Sharon	Fanning	1122113	9	8/18/1996	F	White	
Ginger	Gattis	1122114	9	3/13/1996	F	White	
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			Flag for Pre-HS	First 20 Day	Flag for	Course	Flag for	Flag for	Course	
Student ID	First Name	Last Name	Indicator	Attendance	Attendance	Fails	GPA	Attendance	Fails	
1122100	Giulietta	Adams	No	No	No			No	No	
1122101	Greta	Andrews	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
1122102	Peter	Andreou	No	No	No			No	No	
1122103	Katherine	Barkauskas	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	
1122104	Chad	Barna	No	No	No			No	No	
1122105	Denise	Boyles	No	No	No			No	No	
1122106	Mimi	Cao	No	No	No			No	Yes	
1122107	Claire	Cartwright	No	No	No			No	No	
1122108	Andrea	Crowder	Yes					No	No	
1122109	Linda	Day	Yes	No	No			Yes	Yes	
1122110	Bradley	Dietrich	No	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
1122111	Jennifer	Dunn	No	No	No			No	No	
1122112	Kimberly	Eaton	Yes							
1122113	Sharon	Fanning	No	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
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1122115	Juanita	Gomez	No	No	No			No	No	
1122116	Christopher	Hahn	No	No	No			No	No	
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1122118	Jonathan	lvrv	Yes	No	No			No	No	
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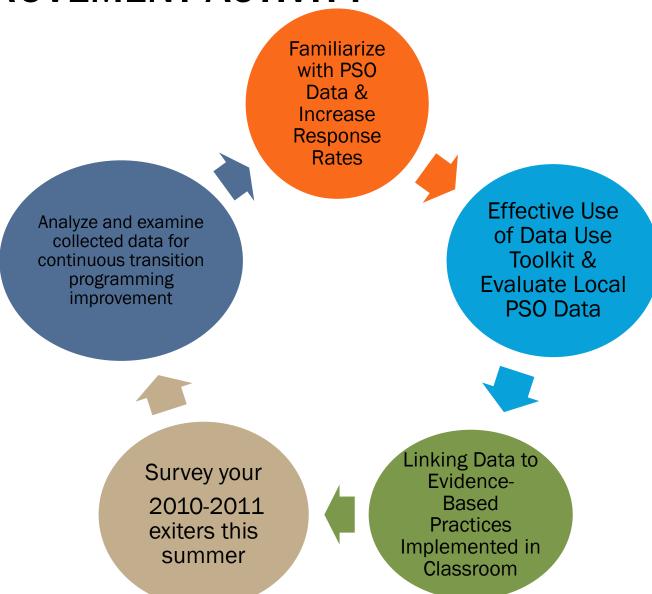


# POST-SCHOOL OUTCOMES DATA USE TOOL KIT





# KSSC'S POST-SCHOOL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY





#### **PSO DEFINITIONS**

#### **Higher Education**

- full- or part-time
- community college (2-year program)
- college/university (4- or more year program)
- one complete term

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#### Competitive Employment

- pay at or above the minimum wage
- setting with others who are nondisabled
- At least 20 hours a week
- for at least 90 days (includes military)

### Other Postsecondary Education or Training

- full- or part-time
- at least 1 complete term
- education or training program (e.g., Job Corps, adult education, workforce development program, vocational technical school which is less than a 2-year program)

#### Other Employment

- Employed for pay
- at least 90 days.



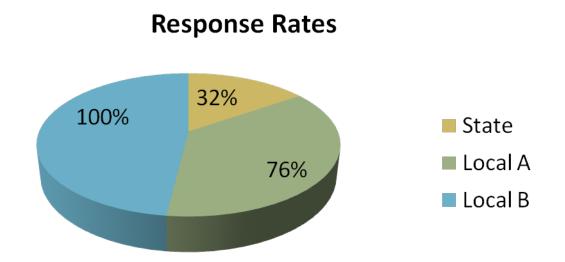
#### WHY SURVEY OUR OWN STUDENTS?

#### Personalizing the data

There are students behind those numbers

#### Reconnection

- Connect to needed services
- Personally follow up with them





#### WHAT DATA ARE COLLECTED?

WE COLLECT DATA FROM YOUTH WHILE THEY ARE IN SCHOOL AND ONE YEAR AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT SCHOOL.

### In school Senior Exit Survey:

- Demographic data (e.g., disability, race/ethnicity)
- Program data (e.g., post-school goal, type of program they attended)
- Achievement data (e.g., formative & summative)
- Contact Info!

### Out of school PSO Survey:

- Work and school experiences
- Type of job or school
- Number of hours working or in school
- Individual High School Experiences



### **USD ### PSO DATA**

THESE DATA REPRESENT YOUTH WHO LEFT SCHOOL DURING THE [2009-10] SCHOOL YEAR.

Of the 24 youth who left high school in our district, 17 or 71% of the leavers contacted responded to the telephone interview.

Of those who responded, 94.1% were engaged.

Specifically, 47.1% were in higher education, 23.5% competitive employment, 0% postsecondary education or training, and 23.5% in some other employment.

That leaves 5.9% of our youth not engaged.



# WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER?

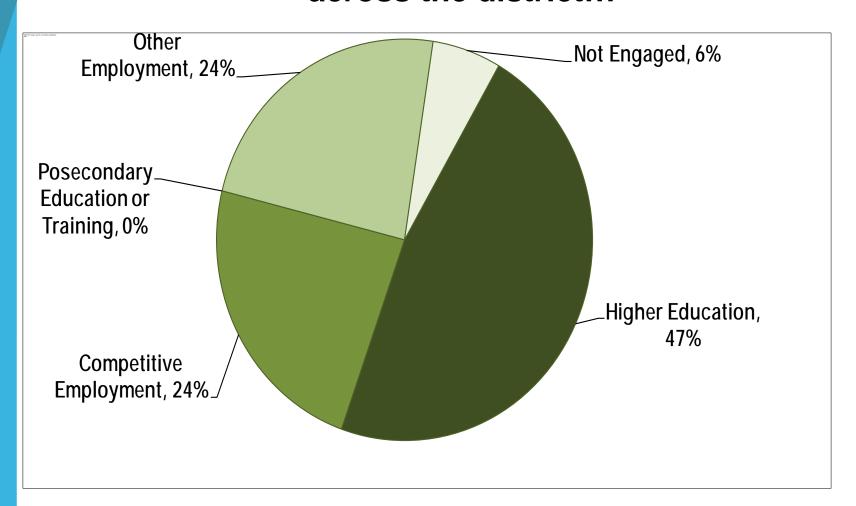
### Brainstorm questions the group has about...

- Graduation & dropout rates
- Overall engagement rates in employment and postsecondary education



### **USD ### Engagement Rates**

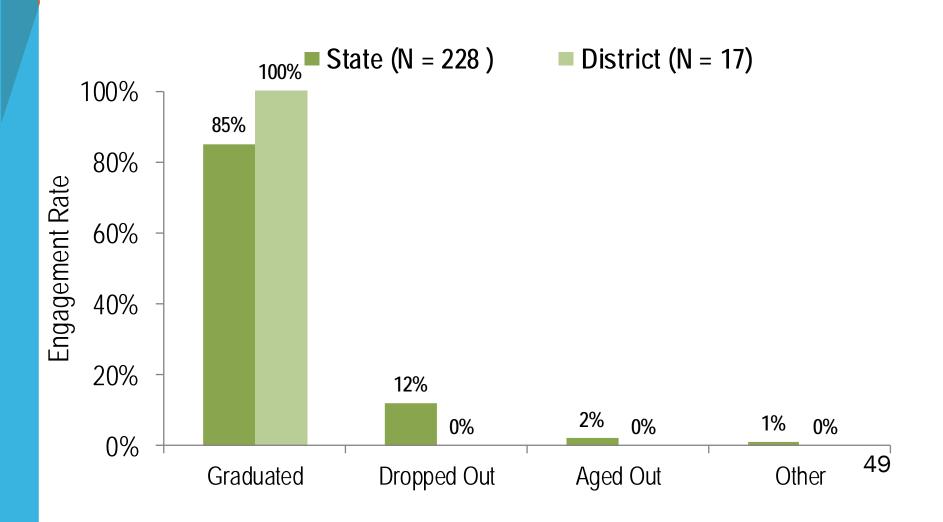
Of the 17 youth who responded to the interview/survey across the district...



Data Source: Sample PSO SY 2009-10

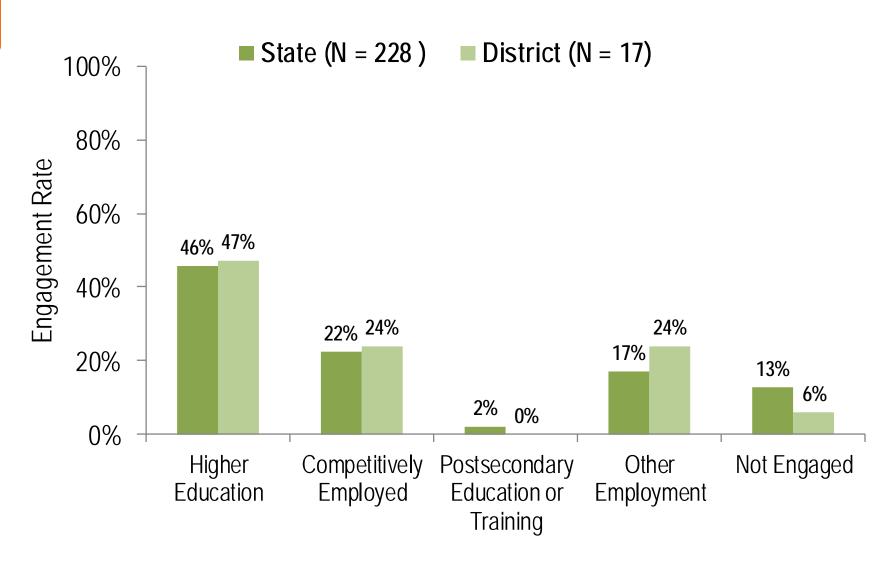


## STATE & DISTRICT ENGAGEMENT RATES BY METHOD OF EXIT





### State and District Engagement Rates



Data Source: Sample (SY 2009-10)



### DRILLING INTO THE DISTRICT'S ENGAGEMENT RATE:

LET'S LOOK AT THE PERCENT OF YOUTH ENGAGED IN THE POST-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:



- Females v. Males
- Graduates v. Dropouts
- Various Races/Ethnicities
- Disability Categories
- What other groups do you want to look at?



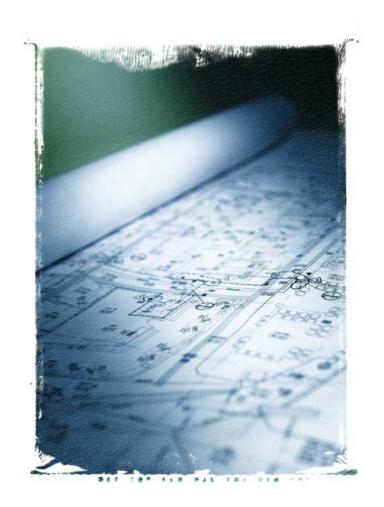
## THINKING ABOUT TRANSITION RELATED PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

In what areas are youth with disabilities doing well?

What areas need improvement?

What is the district doing well?

What does the district need to improve?





### PROGRAMMATIC STRENGTHS

THINK ABOUT THE 16 PREDICTORS OF POST-SCHOOL SUCCESS AND OUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

- •Why does USD ### have positive outcomes for some leavers and not others?
- •What attributes can be associated with the outcomes, positive and negative?
- •What changes need to be made?



### **ACTION PLANNING**

What are our next steps?

What do we need to do to improve the positive outcomes for our youth with disabilities?





### **Questions and Next Steps**

# What questions do we still have? Where do we go from here?

- When will we answer the unanswered questions?
- Are other additional data needed to answer the unanswered questions?
- When will we meet again?
- What resources do we need to gather before we meet again?
- What are the specific action steps we will take between now and our next meeting?
- Who is missing?