What are data teams?

Early intervention (EI) and early childhood special education (ECSE) data teams are groups of individuals, including families and other stakeholders, dedicated to using data to plan and make decisions about programs and services. EI and/or ECSE programs may create dedicated data teams or expand the scope of an existing team (e.g., state or local implementation team, interagency coordinating council, advisory board). Data teams help build a culture of data use.

| Purpose | Perspectives |
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| Data teams analyze, explore, and interpret data to support program improvement. They serve multiple purposes and engage in key activities, including . . . | When forming a data team, include members with different perspectives, such as members who . . . |
| * Investigating Critical Questions | * Understand EI and ECSE programs |
| * Engaging Families & Other Stakeholders | * Have experience navigating EI and ECSE services as a family member |
| * Monitoring Trends | * Have experience with data collection and entry |
| * Celebrating Successes | * Use and/or consume the data |
|  | * Understand data, including strengths, limitations, and quality |

Remember, there’s no one right way to form a data team! As you build your data team, embrace your vision, strengths, and diverse perspectives.