

# OSEP MONTHLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL

**RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDANCE**

**DMS 2.0 UPDATES**

**AUGUST 26, 2021**

# Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Return to School Guidance
- ▶ DMS 2.0 Update and Adjustments
- ▶ Questions

# Return to School Roadmap

- ▶ Letter to State and Local Partners
  - [Read the Letter to OSERS State and Local Partners](#)
- ▶ Press Release
  - [Read the Press Release](#)
- ▶ Part B Child Find Q&A
  - [Q&As document on Child Find Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)

# Review of First Year of DMS 2.0

- ▶ OSEP launched DMS 2.0 under challenging circumstances
- ▶ Thanks to all our States for your patience, and particularly to the Cohort I States for your flexibility
- ▶ We completed the review of Fiscal Management with all Cohort I States and are preparing for review of the other components in the coming year
- ▶ We pivoted to address emergent issues related to Pandemic and issued guidance

# DMS and Continuous Improvement

- ▶ We are committed to DMS 2.0 and learning from our experience
- ▶ Today, OSEP is announcing adjustments to the implementation of DMS 2.0
  - Based on OSEP's internal evaluation and feedback from States
  - Adjustments designed to maintain core concepts of DMS 2.0 and to address identified challenges
- ▶ Benefits of adjustments
  - Consistent and high quality DMS Monitoring
  - Efficient use of OSEP and State resources

# DMS Adjustments

- ▶ Scheduling of Visits
- ▶ Timeline adjustments
- ▶ DMS IT engagement across all protocol components to promote consistency across the Division and when working with States

# Timelines: Scheduling Phase 2 Activity

- ▶ OSEP will contact Cohort States to schedule Phase 2 activities in October
- ▶ Goal is to provide States advance notice of the visit date to ensure clear understanding of monitoring visit timeline engagement
- ▶ Timeline for Phase 1 activities; document requests and interviews, will be triggered by the Phase 2 date of visit

# Timelines: Phases

- ▶ OSEP will still use a phased approach
- ▶ Phases will no longer equal one year
- ▶ Phase 1:
  - Document requests will occur 5 months prior to Phase 2 visit
  - Interviews start 4 months prior to Phase 2 visit
- ▶ Phase 2: Visit through issuing of the monitoring report (no more than 4 months)
- ▶ Phase 3: Up to one year after the monitoring report is issued for closing out findings and to provide technical assistance



# DMS 2.0 RoadMap 2021-2022 Example

## ▶ October 2021

- Establish on-site visit schedule for Cohort 1 States to be held in during 2021-2023.

## ▶ Timeline Example

- **Onsite/Virtual Visit Month of June 2022**
- **October 2021-January 2022:** Gather evidence and prepare documents for submission to OSEP in January.

# DMS 2.0 RoadMap 2021-2022 Example Con't

## ► Onsite Visit Scheduled for June 2022 Example

### Phase 1

- **January 2022:** OSEP Document Request (5 months before visit)
- **February 2022-May 2022:** Engage in interviews and calls with OSEP monitoring team (4 Months before visit)

### Phase 2

- **June 2022:** On-site/virtual visit
- **June 2022-October 2022:** Creation and Issuance of Monitoring Report (120 Days after on-site/virtual visit)

### Phase 3

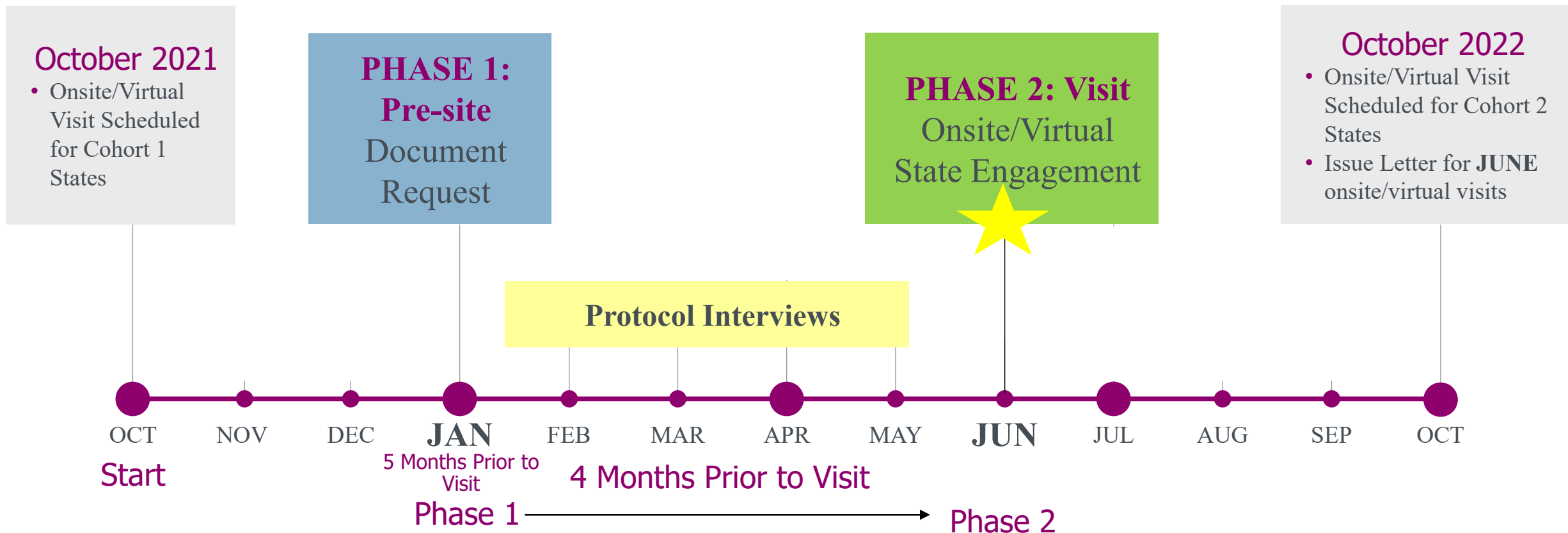
- **October 2022-closeout:** Response to OSEP findings and closeout activities



# DMS 2.0 Roadmap

2021-2022

## Cohort 1 Example



**Phase 1** will occur during the 5 months prior to the visit (one month for document request, 4 months for protocol interviews)

**Phase 2** will occur from the onsite/virtual visit through the issuance of the monitoring report (120 days after visit)

**Phase 3** will occur up to one year after the issuance of the monitoring report.

# Dedicated Monitoring Teams

- ▶ All aspects of monitoring will be led by members of the DMS IT
- ▶ DMS IT members will be assigned to specific components and will lead the monitoring activities in those areas
- ▶ State leads will remain first line of contact and active participants in all monitoring activities

# Phase 2 Monitoring

- ▶ Phase 2 Monitoring will likely be hybrid of on-site and virtual activities, depending upon health conditions and needs of State
- ▶ Phase 2 agenda will be customized to
  - Examine implementation of policies and procedures examined in Phase 1
  - Address concerns identified in Phase 1
  - Delve deeply into additional areas determined on State-by State basis- for example:
    - Part B LEA Allocations
    - Part C System of Payments
    - Part B or C child find and evaluations
    - C-B transition
    - Disciplinary practices

# DMS 2.0 Protocol Updates

- ▶ Next three sets of protocols to be released:
  - Data and SPP/APR
  - Dispute Resolution
  - Technical Assistance and Professional Development
- ▶ Feedback sessions will be held with States by our OSEP funded TA partners, on these protocols, in September
- ▶ Goal to post by October 1

# Next Steps

- ▶ Cohort 2: Official notification letters September 2021
- ▶ Cohort 1: Phase 2 (onsite/virtual) Scheduling call October 2021
  - Schedule for Phase 2 will determine:
    - Date of document request
    - Dates of Phase 1 interviews
- ▶ Cohort 3: Official notification letters September 2022
- ▶ Cohort 2: Phase 2 (onsite/virtual) Scheduling call October 2022



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