

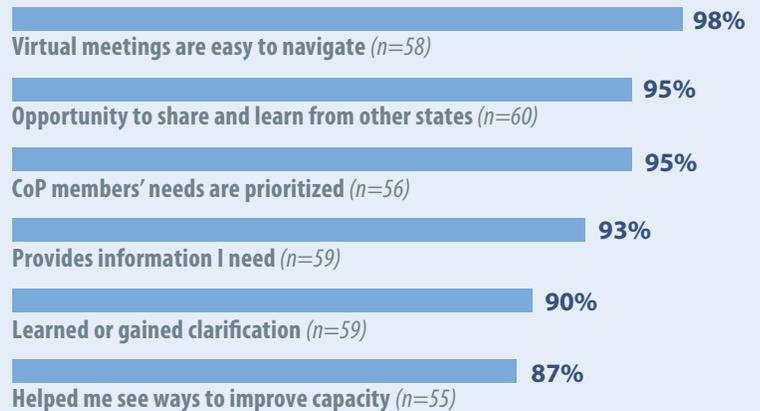
Communities of Practice

Building knowledge and capacity around IDEA Part B fiscal data

A critical accomplishment for CIFR has been to initiate, develop, and support six regional and two topic-based Communities of Practice (CoPs). Survey results after CIFR's first two years show that state educational agency (SEA) staff value the CoPs for their role in increasing state knowledge about—and capacity for meeting—IDEA Part B fiscal data requirements.

The vast majority of SEA staff believe that the CoPs are valuable.

The following shows the percentage of survey respondents who agreed with each statement regarding the CoPs.



CIFR's CoPs at a glance

CoPs are designed to inform and encourage state-to-state engagement around IDEA fiscal issues.

Topic-based CoPs focus on issues that matter to states; for example, CIFR facilitated two CoP cohorts among 11 states to learn about and develop procedures for LEA MOE.

CoPs are facilitated by CIFR with support from the National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) Fiscal Support Team.

Representatives of
54 out of **60**
IDEA Part B programs
attended at least one
CoP meeting in the first
year of CIFR.

CIFR is facilitating the creation of self-sustaining CoPs that are helping to build state knowledge and capacity on IDEA fiscal issues.



What works well is having access to experts on these complex fiscal issues and receiving prompt response and communication back from those experts when an issue or concern arises."

— CoP participant, Annual SEA Staff Survey