CIFR by the Numbers
Technical Assistance to States

November 2014 — April 2019

Since its inception four and a half years ago, CIFR has provided TA to nearly all 60 IDEA Part B programs — including intensive TA to 15 states — to help them meet IDEA fiscal requirements. The numbers below highlight CIFR’s work to date.

54
States and Entities Supported
Entities include the Bureau of Indian Education, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

578
TA Requests Addressed

MFS
58 requests made by 34 states and entities

CEIS
109 requests made by 38 states and entities

ALLOCATIONS
144 requests made by 45 states and entities

LEA MOE
267 requests made by 47 states and entities

7,478 Downloads
Most popular CIFR resources by download:

- LEA MOE Calculator 1,325
- MFS Quick Reference Guide 648
- LEA MOE Quick Reference Guide 628

57
Resources Produced
CIFR has created online interactive guides, quick reference guides, practice guides, and adaptable tools to help state fiscal specialists learn about and implement IDEA reporting requirements. (Four of these were co-developed with the IDEA Data Center and one was co-developed with the National Center for Systemic Improvement.)

Of 23 CIFR products reviewed by expert panels, all were deemed to be of high quality, relevance, and usefulness. And in an annual survey, at least 90 percent of state staff agree that CIFR products:

• Helped them better understand aspects of IDEA fiscal reporting requirements.
• Helped improve their state’s capacity to collect and report on IDEA fiscal data.

The Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting (CIFR) provides technical assistance to state educational agencies to help them collect and report special education fiscal data to meet several requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): maintenance of state financial support (MFS), allocation of IDEA Part B subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs), LEA maintenance of effort (MOE), and coordinated early intervening services (CEIS). Learn more at cifr_info@wested.org.
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Communities of Practice Convened

6 regional communities of practice have met 186 times on a monthly or quarterly basis since 2015, supporting 54 states and entities.

2 topical communities have focused on the high-demand issues of LEA MOE procedures and educational service agencies.

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IDEA Fiscal Forums Held

CIFR’s IDEA Fiscal Forums provide in-person opportunities for state directors of special education and IDEA fiscal specialists to build knowledge and capacity by connecting and sharing with peers on critical IDEA issues. In post-event surveys, 98 percent of state attendees agreed that they will be able to use what they learned at the events in their professional roles.

IFF 2016
DEN
47 States Attended
114 State Participants Attended

IFF 2018
ATL
48 States Attended
116 State Participants Attended