



Results-Driven Accountability Core Principles

The Office of Special Education Programs' (OSEP's) vision for Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) is that OSEP will target its work and investments to best support States in improving results for infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

The following core principles underlie and will guide OSEP's RDA work:

1. OSEP is developing the RDA system in partnership with our stakeholders.
 2. The RDA system is **transparent and understandable** to States and the general public, especially individuals with disabilities and their families.
 3. The RDA system **drives improved outcomes** for all children and youth with disabilities regardless of their age, disability, race/ethnicity, language, gender, socioeconomic status, or location.
 4. The RDA system **ensures the protection of the individual rights** of each child or youth with a disability and their families, regardless of his/her age, disability, race/ethnicity, language, gender, socioeconomic status, or location.
 5. The RDA system provides **differentiated incentives, supports, and interventions** based on each State's unique strengths, progress, challenges, and needs.
 6. The RDA system **encourages States to direct their resources to where they can have the greatest positive impact** on outcomes and the protection of individual rights for all children and youth with disabilities, and minimizes State burden and duplication of effort.
 7. The RDA system is **responsive to the needs and expectations of the ultimate consumers** (i.e., children and youth with disabilities and their families) as they identify them.
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