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Data Project Update

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MAJOR TAKEAWAYS - DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

- **Data elements being gathered are fairly consistent despite a wide array of variables affecting access and use.**
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- Despite varied program conditions and models, student-level data being collected are fairly stable
- Access of student data is impacted by a few common factors
- Fiscal agent of Cal-SOAP (LEA/NGO/CC/CSU/UC)
- Inconsistent MOUs/data sharing agreements
- CSAC leadership/authority to collect and share data
- Program models vary widely, but more clarity is welcomed

“..we have an MOU and I modified it myself. So I put in there what I wanted from them hoping that they would give me everything I wanted, but that didn't quite happen, but they gave me enough to get my job done...this is the first year I got [student] data from all of my schools”

-Director at a non LEA-hosted Cal-SOAP

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- Directors would like direction on best practices for shared data analysis and processes for making their data actionable across all Cal-Soap programs and within each region.
- The directors would like to see CSAC organize and share consortium data at the statewide level.
- While directors feel they currently lack capacity, they are open to finding ways to fit data analysis and implementation into their day-to-day work.

“I’m not sure what others are doing [in other Cal SOAP programs] as it relates to data and it makes it hard to understand if I am doing it correctly.”

Directors shared a desire for CSAC to strengthen their leadership in improving data collection and use.

- CSAC positioned to support efficient data collection (including data sharing agreements & data matching) to better understand outcomes.
- CSAC can provide a more defined role, direct leadership and presence for Cal-SOAP and the Consortium.
- Opportunity to increase collaboration with Cal-SOAP directors to define a clearer Cal-SOAP identity.

“Asking for data has to be reciprocated...We’ll give you what you want. But at same time are we going to see a summary? Are we going to see collectively our success? That hasn’t happened yet.”



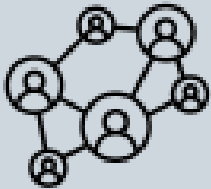
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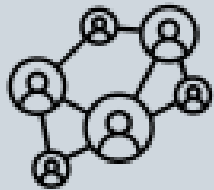
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