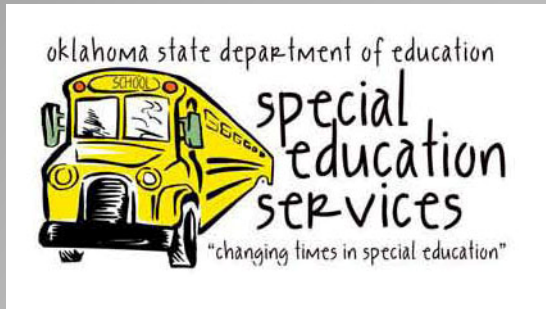




The Oklahoma Model

Contracting with Institutions of
Higher Learning

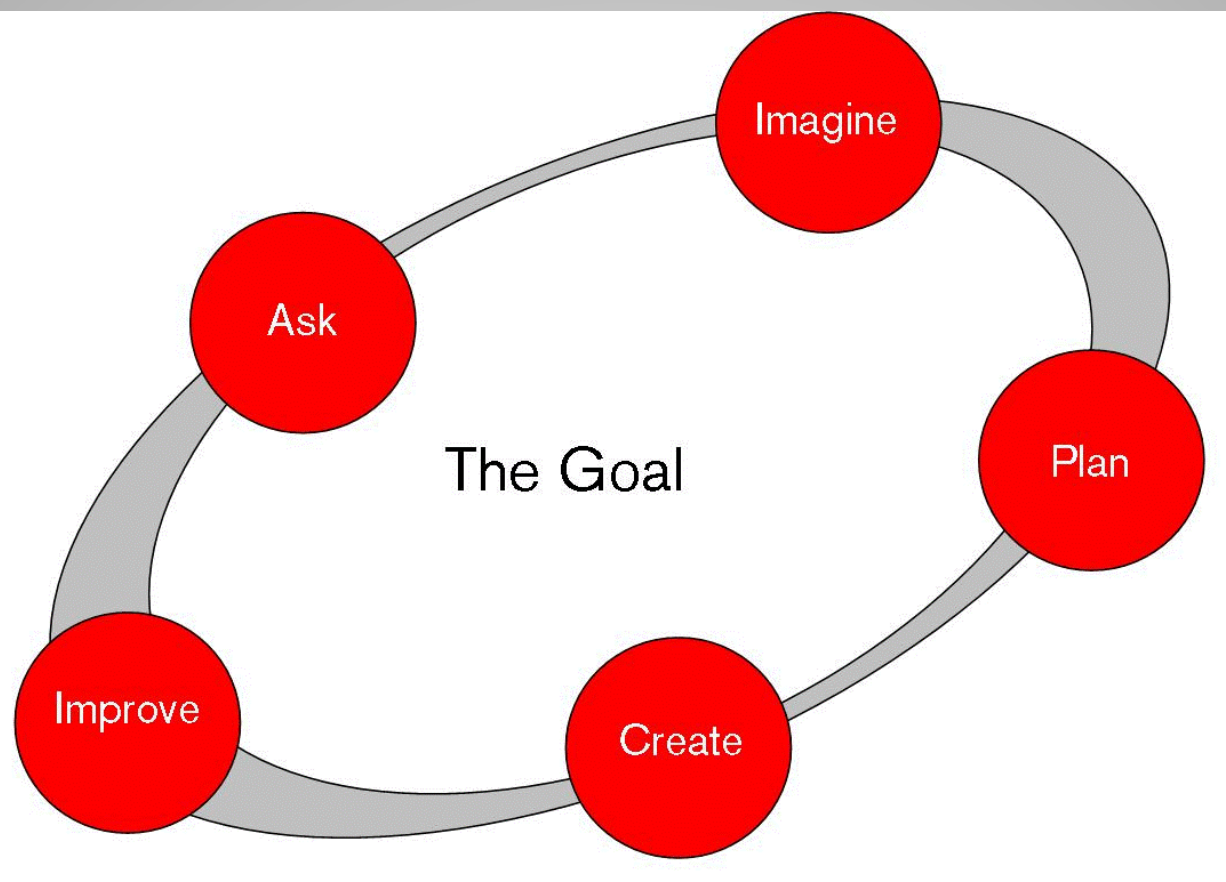


Oklahoma State Department
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(OSDE)



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Grants and Contracts





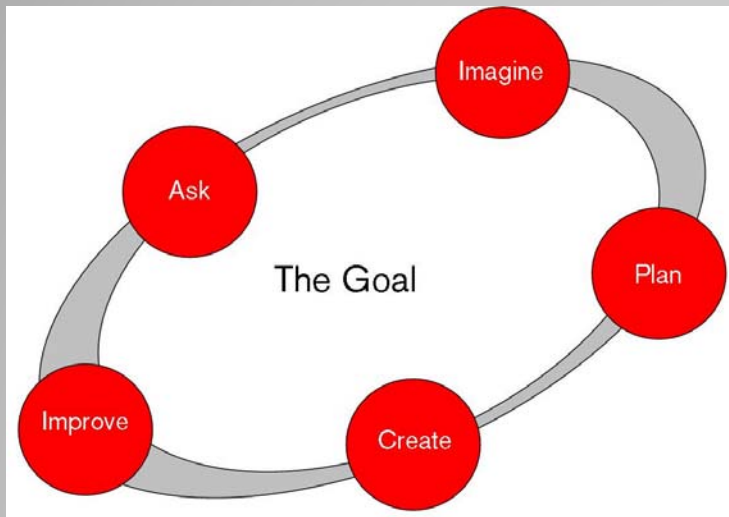
- Stakeholders voiced need for change.
- Asked – Answered
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Legislative Task Force
 - Report
 - Education Advisory Panel
- Imagined what could be
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Changes to the system
 - Independence from the OSDE



How did it begin?

- Planned
 - The OSDE sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - OSU responded with proposal
- Create
 - Bid Proposal covered
 - Personnel
 - Formation of Advisory Council
 - Collaboration with the OSDE
 - Trainings
 - Recommendations for policy change
 - Website
 - Hearing Officials
 - Recruitment
 - Support
 - Training
 - Oversight/Evaluation
 - Managing Data
 - Reporting Functions
 - Financial Responsibility
 - Estimated Cost
- Continuous Improvement
 - Stakeholder Council
 - Collaboration with the OSDE

Special Education Resolution Center (SERC)



- Create
 - Proposal covered
 - Use of existing personnel, facilities and website
 - Expansion of Advisory Council duties
 - Continued Collaboration with the OSDE
 - Trainings
 - Recommendations for policy change
 - Stakeholder involvement and training
 - Mediators
 - Recruitment
 - Support
 - Training
 - Oversight/Evaluation
 - Managing Data, Reporting Functions, Financial Responsibility
 - Estimated Cost
- Continuous Improvement
 - Advisory Council
 - Collaboration with the OSDE, stakeholder groups within the state

Expanded to Dispute Resolution



Questions?

- Allows the OSDE to remain neutral throughout the entire process
- Parents and School District feel comfortable utilizing the SERC
- The SERC staff is highly trained in special education law and are always available to assist the OSDE in this area as needed
- Assist with data collections for Oklahoma's State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR)
- Allows a greater amount of focus being provided to each due process hearing request



Benefits – OSDE

- Must ensure a close relationship between both entities
- As data collection requirements change, they must be relayed to the SERC to ensure the required data components are collected
- Making sure to keep the SERC abreast of all changes being made by the OSDE
- Ensuring hearing decisions are implemented as written and in a timely manner



Challenges – OSDE



Questions?



A key component of a land grant university's mission is to provide outreach and extension to the citizens of the State.

University personnel are uniquely positioned with knowledge and skills to implement a variety of private, state and federal programs.

Universities respond to RFPs and Notices for Application (NIA) on a regular and frequent basis.

Perspective of the University



Facilities and Administration (F&A)
Fee in lieu of the rental and
building maintenance costs for
Sponsored Programs located on a
university campus

Sponsored Programs also have
access to the following benefits at
reduced cost because of
participation with a large employee
and support pool:

- Human Resources
- Accounting Procedures
- Personnel Benefits
- Access to Numerous Resources
 - Graphic Design/Videographers/Studio Supports
 - On-Line Distance Education Opportunities
 - Information Technology
 - Internet/Telephone
 - Motor Pool
- Collaboration Opportunities with the Academic Community-at-Large

Perspective of the University



- How Do I Begin?
- Who would I contact?

State Education Department

Psychology Department

Wellness Centers

Sponsored Programs



Questions?

- Viewed as separate from the OSDE
- Smaller, focused program
- Independent
- Focused on our objectives – with minimal distractions
- Increased stakeholder involvement



Special Education Resolution Center

- Keep your presence known
- Provide for vision and growth
 - CADRE Continuum
 - Increasing needs
- Changing Gatekeepers
- Keep updated on the OSDE changes
- Close collaboration with the OSDE
- Protect what you have built
- Keep building new relationships



Challenges

Never be too afraid
to ask questions.

You can only learn
from the answers!

Unknown

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