

Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS)
Program Monitoring

A written plan exists with IARSS and each SIG school in which quarterly updates are given to the local board, monthly leadership meetings take place, weekly building leadership meetings focused on data occur, and daily exchange between lead partner and schools exists. Program Monitoring is an area IARSS addresses in efforts to increase sustainability in the initial planning stage in the grant process. Coaches are identified and training is implemented on informal walk throughs and use of effective feedback. Often times, these roles are integral in the change process and are suggested as key pieces in the sustainability plan.

Evidence of Proven Effectiveness: IARSS and East St. Louis School District #189 with Cahokia Unit School District #187 have been identified as having a model Lead Partner/LEA relationship where transparent, fluid communication is essential for program monitoring. Presentations at the No Child Left Behind Conference and to the Illinois State Board of Education have occurred to share the effective practice of using frequent communication to enhance program monitoring on behalf of IARSS and the SIG schools represented. Weekly fidelity checks and frequent evaluation of data are used to continually enhance program monitoring.