Types of Data for MEP Needs Assessment (Reference)

Below is a sample list of possible types of data and data sources to consider in the CNA. Some of these may already be collected statewide, but where not, a representative sample may be needed. Remember that, if possible, data should be disaggregated by whether migratory children have been identified to receive PFS. You may also want to compare data for migratory children with data for children in other subgroups.

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| Test Scores | School Involvement | Family Background |
| Disaggregated State assessment scores (e.g., by subgroups, standards, and domains)  Standardized tests scores  Norm-referenced test scores  Criterion-referenced test scores  Cognitive ability test scores  Language proficiency ratings (English & primary language other than English)  Portfolio assessment ratings  Early childhood development tests and surveys | Special Education status (Individualized Education Plans)  Enrollment/placement in other programs (Title I, English language development, bilingual education, preschool, etc.)  Gifted and Talented education  Interest in Adult Basic Education  High School Equivalency Diploma  Job training  Participation in extracurricular activities  Enrollment in alternative school | Residency data  Homebase state/district  Educational attainment of siblings  Language spoken in the home  English language proficiency of parent  Access to transportation  Mobility (number of moves)  Basic needs, (e.g., shelter, food, clothing)  Family conditions (e.g., foster care, married teen, guardian) |
| Academic Progress | Personal Characteristics | Health Indicators |
| Age-grade discrepancy  Grade retention  Attendance record  Number of interruptions to education during school year  Last grade completed  Course grades  Grade point average  Credits accrued toward graduation  Number of failed courses  Number of lost instructional hours  Dropout status | Self-concept ratings  Self-esteem ratings  Special talents/strengths  Social behavior assessment  Attitudes and Behavior Scale Index  Education goals  Career goals  Hours of employment  Legal problems  Recommendations for counseling | Medical screening results  Dental screening results  Visual screening results  Auditory screening results  Mental health referrals  Immunizations  Primary health care access  TB test results  Most recent physical exam results |