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 scoresNorm-referenced test scoresCriterion-referenced test scoresCognitive ability test scoresLanguage proficiency ratings (English & primary language other than English)Portfolio assessment ratingsEarly 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 educationInterest in Adult Basic EducationHigh School Equivalency DiplomaJob trainingParticipation in extracurricular activitiesEnrollment in alternative school | Residency dataHomebase state/districtEducational attainment of siblingsLanguage spoken in the homeEnglish language proficiency of parentAccess to transportationMobility (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 discrepancyGrade retentionAttendance recordNumber of interruptions to education during school yearLast grade completedCourse gradesGrade point averageCredits accrued toward graduationNumber of failed coursesNumber of lost instructional hoursDropout status | Self-concept ratingsSelf-esteem ratingsSpecial talents/strengthsSocial behavior assessmentAttitudes and Behavior Scale IndexEducation goalsCareer goalsHours of employmentLegal problemsRecommendations for counseling | Medical screening resultsDental screening resultsVisual screening resultsAuditory screening resultsMental health referralsImmunizationsPrimary health care accessTB test resultsMost recent physical exam results |