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SPP/APR Impact Area: Communication
Residential Services/Restraint-Seclusion
Qualified Staff—School Age/SPED Discipline

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Disproportionality/Assistive Technology Grant/Paras
Interim Program Schools—Residential Setting
SPED Reimbursement/IDEA E-P & Base/IDEA ARRA

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PEP/TBI Grant
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Complaints
Post School Outcomes/SPED Graduation - Dropout
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RtI

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