Taking a Closer Look at the Data

The Self-Assessment Team will engage in meaningful dialogue and use data-analysis techniques as they travel on the path toward writing recommendations.

Data-analysis techniques most commonly used in this phase include:

Disaggregating: Breaking apart data to look at patterns and details helps you dig deeper into specifics. When you need to find a source of a data anomaly, disaggregating can draw this data to the forefront.

Looking at Data Over Time: Comparing data over time is an excellent way to look for trends. To know if trends are up or down from previous quarters or years, it is important to look back on the past.

Examining Multiple Sources of Data: Investigating relationships between two or more sources of data can often pinpoint connections or insights that are not garnered from looking at one source alone.

For more information on data analysis techniques and use of data, visit:

http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/data