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Guidance Document

EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT PROGRESS DATA REPORTING (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))

*This document is intended to provide non-regulatory guidance on the subject matter listed above.
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Memorandum

To: Superintendents
Directors of Special Education

From: Kay Henderson
Christopher Koch

Date: January 3, 2006

Subject: Early Childhood Outcomes Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information about a new special education requirement from the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A), states will be required to report child progress data for preschool aged children receiving early childhood special education services.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has convened a group of stakeholders, including school district personnel from rural and urban districts, researchers from universities, and representation from the Part C Early Intervention Lead Agency, who have assisted in the development of a child outcomes measurement and reporting system for Illinois. The group took into consideration that many school districts and special education cooperatives have high quality assessment practices in place and that some districts have developed child outcomes and measurement systems for all preschool aged children. A large majority of districts and special education cooperatives are funded by ISBE to operate prekindergarten programs for children at risk of academic failure. These prekindergarten programs, for the most part, are already using evidence-based curricula and assessment systems identified by ISBE. Many districts "blend" their prekindergarten programs and early childhood special education services to facilitate a high quality early childhood program for all preschool aged children served by the district. A guiding factor in developing the outcome measurement system was that it will enhance the high quality early childhood programs. Therefore the outcomes measurement system is based on school districts' use of multiple sources of information on a child's functioning on each of the outcomes.

Beginning March 1, 2006, school districts/special education cooperatives will be required to compile and report entrance measurement data on every child who enters early childhood special education from March 1 through June of 2006. In order to assist school districts/special education cooperatives in the implementation of the early childhood outcomes system, trainings will be offered

across the State through STARNET. Every school district/cooperative administrator who has responsibility for early childhood special education services should attend one of these trainings. Please refer to the attached list of trainings and register your attendance for one of the trainings through STARNET.

For more information on the early childhood Outcomes System, please refer to the Illinois State Performance Plan, Indicator 7, found on the ISBE website at the following link:

http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/state_performance.pdf

If you have questions or need further information please contact Pamela Reising Rechner or Sally Tudor at 217.524.4835.

STARNET Region	Location	Dates	Time	Contact Information for Registration
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NOTE: Please mail or fax your application/registration to the region where you will be attending the training.

Region I Central Illinois	Ramada Inn 4400 N. Brandywine Peoria, IL 61614	February 10, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Joan Leff, STAR NET Regions I & III WIU, College of Education and Human Services, HH 32 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390 Fax: 309/298-2305
	YWCA Child Care Solutions 4990 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108	February 8, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	
Region II Chicagoland	ECCIL-NSSSED 766 Red Oak Lane Highland Park, IL 60035	February 2, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Lisa Fisher, STAR NET Region II, THE CENTER 1855 Mt. Prospect Road Des Plaines, Illinois 60018 Fax: 847/803-3556
	Indian Prairie District #204 780 Shoreline Dr. Aurora, IL 60504	February 7, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	
Region III Central Illinois	Four Rivers 936 W. Michigan Jacksonville, IL 62650	February 7, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Joan Leff, STAR NET Regions I & III WIU, College of Education and Human Services 1 University Circle, Macomb, Illinois 61455-1390 Fax: 309/298-2305
	Park INN Urbana 2408 N. Cunningham Ave. Urbana, IL 61802	February 9, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	
Region IV Southern Illinois	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 3205 Broadway Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	February 16, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Kathy Hollowich, STAR NET Region IV St. Clair County ROE 500 Wilshire Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223 Fax: 618/397-8928
	St. Clair County ROE 500 Wilshire Blvd. Belleville, IL 62223	February 17, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	
Region V Chicago	M.L. King High School 4314 S. Cottage Grove Chicago, Illinois	January 27, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Madelyn James, STAR NET Region V Chicago Public Schools Office of Specialized Services 4655 South Dearborn-Room 204 Chicago, Illinois 60609 Fax: 773/535-8610
	Medill Elementary 1301 West 14th St. Chicago, IL 60608	February 10th, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	
Region VI Chicago land	SOWIC 1205 N. Larkin Lane Joliet, IL	February 3, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	Marlene Christ, STAR NET Region VI SWCASE 6020 West 151 st Street Oak Forest, Illinois 60452 Fax: 708/687-2247
	Southwest Cook County Cooperative 6020 West 151 st Street Oak Forest, IL	February 6, 2006 AM 8:30 -11:30 PM 12:30 - 3:30	

Registration for Early Childhood Outcomes Training

Name: _____

School Dist/Coop: _____

Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address:

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Daytime Phone #: _____

Fax # _____

I would like to attend the AM or PM (circle only one) training at:

_____ on _____ in Region _____
(Location) (Date)

Please fax to the STARNET region of the training you would like to attend.

Thank you.

	Fax number
Regions I & III	309-298-2305
Region II	847-803-3556
Region IV	618-397-8928
Region V	773-535-8610
Region VI	708-687-2247