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Memorandum

To: Superintendents
   Directors of Special Education

From: Kay Henderson
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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:

If you have questions or need further information please contact Pamela Reising Rechner or Sally Tudor at 217.524.4835.
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Registration for Early Childhood Outcomes Training

Name: ________________________________________________
School Dist/Coop:________________________________________
Title:___________________________________________________
Email Address: __________________________________________
Mailing Address:_________________________________________

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(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