

Connecticut's "Early Childhood Outcome" (ECO) Requirement

A.M. Session

Overview of Federal and State Requirements and Connecticut Data Collection

The reauthorization of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act* (IDEA 2004) requires states to measure and report on the developmental and functional progress of children with disabilities receiving preschool special education. This reporting requirement is Indicator #7 in Connecticut's State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR), due annually to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Indicator #7 of the SPP/APR requires that the state report on the "percent of preschool children with IEPs who demonstrate improved:

- a) positive social emotional skills (including social relationships);
- b) acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and
- c) use of appropriate behaviors to meet needs" (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a) (3) (A)).

This session will be led by Connecticut State Department of Education consultants and will provide school administrators and personnel an overview of the federal requirements; state guidance, including state policy and procedures for adherence to this reporting requirement; and an introduction to the online web-based reporting system for the early childhood outcomes (ECO) indicator, including data collection and submission requirements. This information is particularly relevant to school administrators and school personnel with the responsibility for compliance with the collection and reporting of these requirements and who support school personnel in meeting the requirements for this indicator.

P.M. Session

Introduction to the Administration of the *BRIGANCE IED-II*: Using a Criterion-Referenced Instrument for Collection and Reporting of Child-Specific Information

This session will be led by CSDE consultants and Curriculum Associates, Inc., publishers of the *BRIGANCE IED-II*. The purpose of the session is to give an introductory overview of the *BRIGANCE IED-II* and provide training on test administration for this criterion-referenced instrument. Required sub-tests and alternate testing requirements will be identified and reviewed. Data reporting to the state using the information obtained by using the *BRIGANCE IED-II* will be covered. Participants will learn about future technical assistance opportunities that will be made available through this session. This session is particularly relevant to those individuals in school districts with the responsibility to collect specific pre- and post-child information using this instrument.

Please note: Individuals have the option of attending the A.M. session, the P.M. session, or both. It is suggested that participants bring a *BRIGANCE IED-II* record book.

Date, Time, Location:

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
 A.M. Session: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 AND/OR
 P.M. Session: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell

Presenters:

Consultants
 CT State Department of Education
Representative
 Curriculum Associates, Inc.
 North Billerica, MA

Audience: PreK, 3-5

Fifty (50) applicants will be accepted in total for each session.
 (A.M.) Special education administrators
 (P.M.) Early childhood special education teachers and student support services personnel

Registration Fee:

\$40.00 per person
 (There is no additional charge for participants who apply to attend the full day.)
 Payable to Rensselaer at Hartford
 Payment is due prior to the session upon confirmation of participation.

Questions/ Special Needs:

Contact: Jennifer Sharpe
 Education Services Specialist
 (860) 632-1485, ext. 268

Register By:

Wednesday, September 26, 2007



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Early Childhood Education Initiative

Please return application to SERC, ECE Initiative, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457-1520. Participants will be selected on a first come, first served basis with regional consideration. Applicants will receive written confirmation regarding participation shortly after the registration closing date. The registration fee is payable upon notice of acceptance.

APPLICATION FORM: **Connecticut's ECO Requirement**

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