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Memorandum

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Subject: PA OCDEL Providers and the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment

Per your request, below is text from an email sent to all Regional Keys to clarify the Fiscal Year 2011-12 assessment policy. You may share this document with providers as needed.

Please distribute to ALL STAFF who work with Providers.

MESSAGE TO REGIONAL KEYS

It has come to OCDEL's attention that there is some confusion in the provider community regarding child assessment reporting and processes for the current fiscal year 2011-12. OCDEL is issuing this message to ensure Regional Key staff is sharing the same message statewide regarding assessments. For the remainder of the fiscal year, OCDEL will continue to accept assessments through two vendors' products, Pearson's *Work Sampling* and *Ounce* and Teaching Strategies' (TSI) *Teaching Strategies GOLD*. Providers using *Work Sampling* and *Ounce* will continue to upload their assessments directly to OCDEL through the Early Learning Network. Providers using *GOLD* will continue to submit their assessments to TSI and TSI will submit the data electronically to OCDEL. Providers using *GOLD* must keep a paper copy of their assessment on file for program review purposes.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2012-2013, OCDEL will be implementing the new child outcomes reporting system, allowing for providers to choose from a menu of approved child assessment tools.

Information on OCDEL's new child outcomes reporting system as well as a list of approved child assessment tools will be provided to you in the near future.