

## **Early Childhood Outcomes FAQ**

### **1. What are ECOs/COSFs?**

Early Childhood Outcome (ECOs) forms or Childhood Outcome Summary Forms (COSFs) are those required by the Office of Special Education Programs for all students ages 0-6 receiving special education services. These forms track the progress made from entry into and exit from early intervention and /or early childhood programs.

### **2. Do I have to complete ECOs for all students under 6?**

Yes, you must complete all the Early Childhood Outcome forms for all students with special needs birth through age 6, regardless of category.

### **3. When do I fill them out?**

Upon the child's entry to and exit from your program.

### **4. What measurements can I use to determine the ratings?**

Best practice is to use at least two measurements. These may include: diagnostic testing such as the Battelle Developmental Inventory, yearly assessments such as the Brigance, and should include input from parents/caregivers, teacher(s) and therapist(s).

### **5. How are the ratings determined?**

The numbers used to rate the child are based on typical child development. When you are rating a 4 year-old, compare their functioning to a typically developing 4 year-old's functioning.

