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RE: NH Preschool Special Education Outcome Measurement System

Please find attached the **NH Preschool Special Education Outcomes: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about State Data Collection and Reporting** of February 28, 2008. This was developed by the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education in collaboration with the NH Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN), the Early Childhood Outcome Center (ECO) and the National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC). The NH Preschool Outcome system is required by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). It is described in the NH State Performance Plan, Indicator 7.

www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/instruction/SpecialEd/APRSPFebruary12008.htm

The NH Preschool Technical Assistance Network (PTAN), under a grant from the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, provides the following technical assistance and professional development activities specific to the NH Special Education State Performance Plan Indicator 7: Preschool Outcomes:

1. Information about the preschool outcome measurement system will be:
 - Updated on the PTAN website as it becomes available.
 - Mailed electronically to preschool special education administrators (preschool special education coordinators and special education administrators) statewide.
 - Disseminated and discussed at regional clinical support meetings for preschool special education administrators.

2. PTAN will collaborate with the NHDOE to enhance previously developed documents and/or create new documents as the Preschool Outcomes Measurement System evolves.
3. PTAN will respond to local questions about the outcome measurement system with email and/or telephone consultation.
4. PTAN will collaborate with the NHDOE to:
 - Develop a plan for intensive TA supports for those districts whose measurements of progress on outcomes do not reach the State targets.
5. PTAN will sponsor/co-sponsor leadership opportunities responsive to needs identified by the NHDOE and/or preschool special education administrators regarding the outcome measurement system.

If you have additional questions about the NH Preschool Outcome Measurement System, please contact Ruth Littlefield at the NH Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education at: 271-2178 or rlittlefield@ed.state.nh.us.

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