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RE: Preschool Least Restrictive Environment: Entering Data

As a supplement to FY'14 Memo #15, the NH Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education is pleased to provide districts with "Entering Regular Early Childhood as the Program Placement into NHSEIS Tip Sheet." This resource was developed in direct response to questions from the field regarding entering program placement data into NHSEIS for children with IEPs, ages 3-5. This resource was developed by the NHDOE, Bureau of Special Education through the SSECT project, with stakeholder input.

The SSECT project has also created an on-line module to provide Special Education Administrators, Preschool Special Education Coordinators and staff an overview of the new reporting requirements related to Preschool Special Education Settings, how to enter data in NHSEIS and information about Preschool Least Restrictive Environment. For more information on the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for children with disabilities ages 3-5, visit the SSECT website at: http://picnh.org/nhssect/lre/

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