

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start

Part: 1302 Program Operations

Subpart: C-Education and Child Development Program Services

Section: 1302.33 Child Screening and Assessments

Subject: Input into Teaching Strategies Gold

Policy:

All Head Start/Early Head Start children will be assessed on an ongoing basis using Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment tool. Head Start/Early Head Start staff is required to input as much documentation as needed to document that a child has obtained a specific skill or goal for each domain per checkpoint period. Documentation must consist of observations, anecdotal notes, pictures, or a video.

Procedure:

1. Teacher/home visitor will use the Teaching Strategies GOLD Implementation Plan as a guide to determine which domains to input for any given week. This does not limit the number of domains staff can work on and input on a weekly basis. The Plan is to ensure that the teaching staff is reviewing each domain on a regular basis during the checkpoint period.
2. The teacher/home visitor will enter the observations/anecdotal notes and pictures or a video according using the instructions provided by Teaching Strategies GOLD.
3. The Development and Learning Report will be printed at the end of each checkpoint period and shared with the parent/guardian.
4. For Dual Language Learners, the Developmental Learning Report will be printed out in English and Spanish at the end of each checkpoint period and shared with the parent/guardian in the child's home language and English.
5. The teacher/home visitor will complete a Child Outcome Worksheet and print the Class Profile Report to analyze their children's progress and to guide their planning after each checkpoint.
6. The Education Specialist/Assistant will monitor Teaching Strategies GOLD domain input monthly.
7. The consequences for not inputting into Teaching Strategies GOLD on a regular basis during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Checkpoint periods are:

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First Offense - Verbal Warning

Second Offense – Corrective Action

*In case of a Pandemic or emergency, Checkpoint will be completed by the teacher with the information or documentation on hand at the designated time.