Assessment, Research and Evaluation Colloquium

PREVENTING THE MISMEASURE OF YOUNG CHILDREN: LINKING AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT & EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION IN BOTH PRACTICE AND APPLIED RESEARCH

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Date/Time/Logistics

Date: Friday, October 14, 2011; 9:30AM-11:30AM
University of Connecticut, Hartford Campus, Library 403
Cost: Free! Please pre-register at: http://www.education.uconn.edu/assessment/. Refreshments will be served.

Session Description

Measurement in education and early childhood intervention continues to be dominated by the use of conventional, norm-referenced testing practices to the detriment of young children. Conventional tests have been neither developed for nor field-validated on infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with developmental disabilities. Parents and professionals advocate for alternative procedures which meet professional standards of practice and are: developmentally-appropriate, evidence-based, and, especially, practical for planning beneficial programs for children and monitoring their progress during intervention. This session summarizes the "authentic assessment alternative" to the mismeasure of young children. Participants will learn how authentic assessment was used by teachers to demonstrate the success of high-risk children in a 3-year applied research study for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Pre-K Counts in PA program and funded by the Heinz Endowments for 10,000 children in 25 school district-community partnerships.

Learner Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the rationale and purposes for assessment in early childhood intervention.
- Identify limitations related to conventional tests and testing procedures.
- Describe the process and methods for authentic assessment
- Discuss guidepoints for implementing authentic assessment "in action".

Registration

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