



**Kentucky General Supervision
Enhancement Grant
Early Childhood Outcomes Initiative**

The goal of this initiative is to pilot a process that can help infant toddler and preschool programs implement a Comprehensive Continuous Assessment System that can be used for children, birth to five, with and without disabilities in group settings across multiple delivery systems (public school, inclusive private and non-profit child care centers). *These systems will be designed to measure the extent to which young children with disabilities are being included in the program's assessment systems and the extent to which these children are meeting the state standards.*

Because the state standards and assessment system is new and currently voluntary, we will work with 3 programs to help them design or refine their current assessment system to ensure that: 1) the system is comprehensive and addresses all levels of a continuous assessment system (i.e., screening, diagnostic, curriculum/instruction, and program evaluation), 2) the system is viable for both children with and without disabilities, and 3) the system provides data on the extent to which children are meeting the state standards.

The programs and providers that will be part of the pilot process represent a range of service options for young children with disabilities from birth to age five. They include the Anderson County Early Childhood Center, Growing Together and two developmental interventionists for First Steps, one independent and one agency based.

The following four objectives will guide the pilot process.

- *To gather information on the current status of pilot programs/providers in using the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards and Assessment Guide and determine the processes used to measure child and program outcomes.*
- *To provide assistance to programs in developing a comprehensive continuous assessment system that will provide data on child and program outcomes.*
- *To provide assistance to programs in using assessment data to document progress for children and to monitor and document program and instructional changes.*
- *To gather information from programs about the pilot process that can be used to provide assistance and support to other programs across the state.*

Activities for the grant began October 1, 2004 and will continue through September 30, 2006. For more information contact Beth Rous, at brous@uky.edu or 859-257-9116.

Copies of the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards, the Kentucky Continuous Assessment Guide, and the Parent Guides to the Standards can be found at:

www.kidsnow.ky.gov