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Dear parents and other EI/ILP team members,

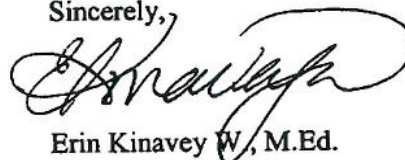
The Alaska EI/ILP is using a process called a Child Outcomes Summary (COS) to help evaluate desired results for children enrolled in the program. The COS will be used within a few weeks of the child's enrollment, at the yearly assessment, and again near the time of exit from the program. Your input in this process is very important.

The state of Alaska believes this child outcome summary process provides useful information for parents and providers of services, and it is an important part of assuring quality services throughout the state. All states and US territories, including Alaska, are required to report child outcome data to the federal Office of Special Education Programs.

Alaska's child outcomes, measurements, and processes were chosen by a work group of parents, providers, and regional EI/ILP coordinators. This group's goal was to design a system that will collect meaningful information, and at the same time, is not costly for local programs in terms of time, money and effort.

Child outcome data will be grouped or aggregated for reporting purposes so that individual identities will always be protected. We hope that the COS data will be useful to help parents understand their child's development, demonstrate effectiveness of the program, and help us improve the program to best serve children and families.

Sincerely,



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