Multiple Criteria and Evidence Based Screeners

Dear Federal Programs Coordinators:

Preschool programs in which federal funds are utilized must use multiple, educationally related, objective criteria to identify eligible students, if all students cannot be served.  Multiple criteria includes:

* Teacher judgement
* Parent interviews
* Developmentally appropriate measures of child development

A preschool program that is funded with federal dollars must administer a screener to determine the developmentally appropriate level of the preschoolers.  The LEA may adopt a screener of their choice; however, the screener must be an evidence-based assessment. Documentation of the administration of the screener must be kept for monitoring purposes.  Based upon the results of the screener, students should be rank ordered to insure that the students with the greatest need are identified and placed.  The list of rank ordered students should be available upon request and the criteria used should be uploaded into the eGAP document library.  Included is a suggested list of evidence-based screeners that can be used as a part of the multiple criteria selection process.   Title I funds can be used to purchase screeners.  The ALSDE does not endorse any of the listed assessments.  This is provided as a resource to assist you in selecting an assessment that will be most beneficial to your needs.   Thanks in advance for your dedication to the children of Alabama.

**Evidence Based Screeners**

1. ASQ-3 Ages and Stages
2. Batelle Developmental Inventory
3. Big Day for Pre-K Early Childhood Inventory
4. Boehm-3 Preschool
5. Bracken School Readiness Assessment
6. Brigance
7. Brigance Early Childhood Screener
8. Denver II
9. Developmental Assessment of Young Children
10. Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC)
11. Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL 4)
12. Devereux Early Childhood Assessment Preschool Program (DECCA-P)
13. Early Screening Inventory (ESI-R)
14. Early Screening Profiles (ESP)
15. FirstSTEP
16. Gold Assessment
17. Learning Accomplishment Profile-Diagnostic Screens
18. Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test
19. San Diego Assessment
20. STAR Early Literacy