THE MAINE EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Teachers,

The state of Maine has passed Kindergarten Readiness, Public Law Chapter 429 which requires ongoing assessment for all Deaf and hard of hearing children from birth to age six. Assessment information will be gathered by parents and staff to ensure that we have the most accurate picture of your child's development twice a year prior to review of your child's IFSP, or in the fall and spring. The results for individual children allow parents/caregivers and interventionists to monitor a child's progress over time and identify potential delays at their onset. Additionally, results from the assessment data can be used to generate IFSP outcomes and provide a data-driven approach to language and communication decisions as well as the supports needed to meet a family's desired outcomes.

We are contracting with the *Early Language Outcomes Lab (ELO) at the University of Colorado-Boulder* who are assisting our providers by scoring our assessments, writing a summary report of your child's results which we will share with you, and creating a database for Maine in compliance with our Kindergarten Readiness law. The results from our assessments will help us make programmatic decisions for D/HH children in Maine and will also help us to closely monitor your child's development to ensure they are making the language gains expected prior to Kindergarten. In addition, the results will assist intervention and educational programs in designing curricula that will maximize the success of all deaf and hard of hearing children.

I will go over the following documents with you: a Demographic Form, SKI-HI Language Development Scale, MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventory (MB-CDI), and any other supplemental assessments the team feels are pertinent to your child.

Thanks for your assistance with ensuring your child gets the support they need to be ready for Kindergarten! Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Be Well,

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