

## ASSESSMENT ALIGNMENT TO OHIO'S EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The Department invites you to provide documentation of your assessment alignment to Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards for review. Early care and education programs in Ohio that participate in Step Up to Quality and are highly rated will be required to implement an assessment that is aligned to the new standards by July 1, 2024.

The Department has developed a process for vendors to submit a completed [assessment alignment form](#) and any additional alignment documentation. Vendors must provide enough information in the alignment document that Department staff are able to verify the information.

The documentation process is open on a rolling basis. Documentation submitted by the first of the month will be reviewed and added to the website the following month.

We will maintain a list of aligned assessments [on our website](#). Alignment to the standards will be displayed as fully aligned, partially aligned, or not aligned. A fully aligned assessment will measure at least the required standards indicated on the alignment form for all domains. A partially aligned assessment must measure at least the required standards in one or more domains. Assessments that do not meet the full or partial alignment will be considered not aligned.

Please complete the [assessment alignment form](#) for each assessment product that you would like to be reviewed. The form along with any documentation up to 20 MB total can be submitted via email to [ELSR@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:ELSR@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov). If you have larger files to submit, please contact Christina Tomazinis ([Christina.Tomazinis@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:Christina.Tomazinis@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov)) for a link to a secure folder to transmit larger files. Please do not send proprietary files via email.

For questions about the assessment alignment review process, please contact [ELSR@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov](mailto:ELSR@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov).