

Results Matter

At a Glance



COLORADO
Department of Education

MISSION

To improve outcomes for Colorado’s youngest children by helping teachers, administrators, families, and other education stakeholders use authentic assessment data to inform classroom instruction as well as program and policy decision-making.

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- *Authentic Child Assessment* that is developmentally appropriate, ongoing, naturalistic, multifaceted, a whole-child approach, and useful to educators
- *Professional Development* for use of assessment tools
- *Technology* to transform early childhood education
- *Data Analysis* to inform decision making

WHY AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT?

Authentic assessment is a best practice for assessing young children as recognized by organizations such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), National Academies of Science, and the Division of Early Childhood (DEC).

WHICH ACADEMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL DOMAINS ARE ASSESSED?

Social-Emotional Development • Language Development • Literacy
Cognitive Development • Mathematics • Science • Creative Arts
Physical Development • Approaches to Learning

WHICH ASSESSMENTS ARE USED?

- *GOLD*® by Teaching Strategies
- COR Advantage by HighScope

WHO PARTICIPATES IN RESULTS MATTER?

Over 48,000 children per year who receive services through:

- Preschool Special Education
 - Colorado Preschool Program
- } Required to participate

In addition, children served in programs such as:

- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Child Care Centers
- Family Child Care Homes
- Charter School Preschool Programs
- School Readiness Quality Improvement Program Grantees

Did You Know?

- Results Matter is a **nationally-recognized model for child assessment and professional development**. The program has been credited for outstanding use of video and other assistive technology in the classroom as well as extensive partnerships with community-based organizations and Head Starts.
- The Results Matter program is **open to any early care or education program** who wishes to participate and can meet minimum implementation requirements.
- Programs using authentic child assessment can **earn points toward Colorado Shines ratings**.
- More than **4,000 teachers, 2,000 classrooms, and 900 schools and centers** participate annually.





WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING IN RESULTS MATTER?

- A deeper understanding of each child’s development and learning through careful observation and reflection
- Use of a single, meaningful assessment to fulfill multiple purposes, including instruction and intervention planning, progress monitoring, and accountability
- Ability to compare and contribute to statewide outcomes reporting
- Access to professional development resources
- Special pricing for online assessment subscriptions
- Access to secure online systems with real-time reporting

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Where can I learn more?

Visit our website: www.cde.state.co.us/resultsmatter

- Professional development resources
- World-renowned video library to support use of observation, documentation, and technology in early care and education settings
- Schedules and policies
- Alignments to state standards and early learning guidelines
- State and federal accountability reports