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The Ounce Scale™ is published by NCS Pearson, Inc.	Approved by Bureau of Early Learning Services for		
		Approved for PA infant and toddler outcomes reporting	
Description The Ounce Scale™ offers a meaningful way to document and evaluate the growth and development of infants and toddlers in a variety of settings including center-based childcare, family home day care, and Early Head Start centers. Ounce takes a naturalistic, whole child approach to observation that celebrates the achievement and developmental milestones of very young children. The Ounce family albums provide a framework to help families learn about child development and activities to encourage development in each critical area. Ounce organizes observations and assessment around six major areas: personal connections, feelings about self, relationships with other children, understanding and communicating, exploration and problem solving, and movement and coordination. Teachers and caregivers use Ounce Observational Records to document children's everyday behaviors. The Developmental Profile is completed at the end of each age range to evaluate a child's development and progress.			
Pennsylvania Specifics: Since 2008, Pearson Clinical Assessment has partnered with the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to implement Ounce. In 2011, Pearson worked with OCDEL to facilitate a requested change in the reporting system, enabling Ounce Online results to reflect child progress within the context of the Commonwealth's Early Learning Standards. Pearson will continue its collaboration with OCDEL as the recent changes to state Early Learning Standards are implemented.			
How does the tool meet the needs of young children with developmental disabilities or delays? Because it focuses on what children can do, within a developmental context, Ounce is appropriate for children with developmental disabilities.			
Does the tool convert the rating of items to the PA early intervention Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF 1 – 7 scales)? Teachers have access to a COSF form in the Ounce Online system, but they will need to select appropriate ratings.			
What ages does the tool assess? The Ounce Scale™ assesses children from birth to 42 months.			
How often are children assessed? Observation Records and Developmental Profiles in Ounce are organized according to age range. Teachers complete Developmental Profile ratings at the end of each age period. The age ranges are as follows: Babies I(0-4mo.); Babies II (4-8 mo.); Babies III (8-12 mo.); Babies IV (12-18 mo.); Toddlers I (18-24 mo.); Toddlers II (24-30 mo.); Toddlers II (30-36 mo.); Preschoolers (36-42 mo.).			
What on-line tools are available? Ounce Online is a user-friendly tool to streamline data collection and reporting. It enables caregivers and teachers to upload media files and provides a simple but systematic process for collecting data and completing evaluations. The system facilitates activity planning for teachers and helps administrators meet reporting and program evaluation requirements. The Family Corner facilitates family participation.	What training options are available? Fee based customer training is available on-site or via webinar upon request. Additionally, Pearson offers numerous web-based professional development opportunities in the form of live webinars and on-demand recorded webinars at no cost. http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000403/ounce-scale-the.html#tab-training		
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