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Work Sampling for Head Start™, 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition is published by NCS Pearson, Inc.	<b>Approved by Bureau of Early Learning Services for</b>		
	✓	Approved for PA pre-kindergarten outcomes reporting	
<b>Description:</b> Work Sampling for Head Start™, 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition is a comprehensive, observation-based authentic performance assessment. It assesses children in the eleven developmental domains required by Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. Teachers collect observations and examples of student work, while children are going about their daily classroom activities. Evidence of learning is assessed within the context of research and standards-based age and grade-level developmental guidelines. This comprehensive observational tool can help you individualize instruction, communicate with families more effectively, and fulfill federal reporting mandates more easily. Work Sampling for Head Start Online is a user-friendly data collection and management system that simplifies the process and enables teachers to keep observations, evidence of learning, completed checklists all in one location. Work Sampling for Head Start Online provides tools for completing Head Start Family Reports and other robust reporting capabilities for both teachers and administrators. The Family Corner enables families to contribute video and photographs from home.			
<b>Pennsylvania Specifics</b> Since 2008, Pearson Clinical Assessment has partnered with the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to implement the Work Sampling System. Pearson collaborates with OCDEL to help meet their current standards.			
<b>How does the tool meet the needs of young children with developmental disabilities or delays?</b> Because WSS assesses both performance and progress and because it emphasizes assessing children within the context of daily classroom activities, focusing on many different ways for children to show what they know and can do, it is appropriate for children with developmental delays. WSS's individualized profile of development is particularly informative for IEPs. In cases of severe developmental delays, additional assessment administered by a psychologist or special services professional may be recommended.			
<b>Does the tool convert the rating of items to the PA early intervention Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF 1 – 7 scales)?</b> Teachers have access to a COSF form in the system, but they will need to select appropriate ratings.			
<b>What ages does the tool assess?</b> Work Sampling assesses PreK3 through Grade 3.			
<b>How often are children assessed?</b> Children are assessed up to three times per year.			
<b>What on-line tools are available?</b> Work Sampling for Head Start™ Online provides tools to manage observations, upload media files, input checklist ratings, and complete family-friendly summary reports. The Work Sampling mobile app enables users to capture photos, sound files, video, and brief notes in the moment and upload them to the Work Sampling online system for later editing. The Family Corner facilitates family participation. The system offers a wide range of reporting features for teachers and administrators. WSS Online Head Start reports help teachers make sound instructional decisions and show child progress, help administrators evaluate program effectiveness. As part of your Work Sampling Online account, users of the platform will have access to the Work Sampling/Ounce Online application (mobile app). This app will enable your teachers to quickly and seamlessly create and enter observations in the moment from their iPhones and iPads.	<b>What training options are available?</b> 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. <a href="http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000755/the-work-sampling-system-5th-edition.html#tab-training">http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000755/the-work-sampling-system-5th-edition.html#tab-training</a>		
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