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General	Will a tape of today's session be available?	Yes - on the PennData website under Training link.
General	Will the questions and answers be made available on the PennData website?	Yes
General	When will both the EI and SA RG be final? Until we are positive there will be no more changes to either we are hesitant to release the changed data system for testing.	Final document will be released no later than September 30th. See email
Table 1	What is the different between Highly Qualified and Not Highly Qualified for Preschool teachers?	See RG
Tables	What should we say if the table flag is due to a small number change?	Simply indicate "Small N Size"
Tables	Can flags be changed to look at a number limit as well as %?	This standard was set by USDE and is beyond our control.
EI General	Can Resource Guide (RG) be changed to highlight new fields and codes like the School Age Resource Guide?	Yes.
EI General	Do we need to go back and collect additional data on students currently in our systems?	Yes, for all new children served since 7/1/08 and as IEPs are updated through out the year.
EI General	When will preschool change to PELICAN?	Preliminary discussions to begin this fall.
EI General	Do preschool students need to be loaded into PIMS?	Not at this time as a preschool EI only.
EI General	Do we need to submit data on use of restraints?	This data will not be collected by PennData.
EI General - Address	Should the address be the child's address? Parent's address? Institution's address?	The address should be the address at which the child resides.
EI General - Address	Can punctuation be allowed in the address?	Yes, everything but a comma.
EI General - Address	What about 2-line addresses?	A second address field to be added to the RG.
Preschool	For the monthly aggregate, do we need to submit a single file in October or one for July, August & September?	Separate files are required for each month. The September file is due at the end of October. The July and August files are due by December 5th.
Preschool	Should the aggregate data be static with inclusion of monthly new students, or should all data be udpated each month?	For the aggregate data update each month.
Preschool	Should the October submission be created according to the old specs, or the new specs?	New Specs
Preschool	Can we have a mapping of fields from EI to SA?	Yes

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Preschool	Currently we only report children who qualify for EI services. Are you asking us now to also report children for whom permission to eval was received but, the child was found not eligible for service?	No, only children found eligible for EI services.
Preschool	The new EI Aggregate report and the New Transition report are very similar, why do we need to report both?	The transition database includes children that are both eligible and not eligible.
Preschool - PAsecureID	It is my understanding that parents can refuse to let schools know the student was in EI. If we get a PAsecureID, a district will know the student received services in EI. What about the confidentiality issue?	EI does not require a PAsecureID at this time.
Preschool - PAsecureID	How do MAWA's obtain PIMS numbers?	Not applicable for MAWAs
Preschool - PAsecureID	PAsecureID is listed yet EI students don't have a PASecureID.	Use Student ID. This is listed in the RG in case EI starts using it.
Preschool - Secondary Disability	Secondary Disability is not used for Preschool so why is it still in the RG?	Most student will not have a secondary disability but there are a few.
Preschool - Funding Status	Please define Funding Status (item 16) code 03 – 4010 Funding.	Please refer to RG Item 16
Preschool - Funding Status	What do we choose when the APS charges us for "summer" stretch calendar? Do we have to edit every APS child when the funding changes?	The funding would be 01 or 02 depending on funding arrangements as 03 would be N/A for the summer stretch calendar. Yes, when funding changes.
Preschool - Funding Status	Is data entry code 01 district funded, to be used for children previously coded 03 and 05?	Yes
Preschool - Referral Source	Can you please clarify code 05 – if K-4 does not get coded here, which code does it fall under?	Code 11 should be Early Childhood Program. K-4 should be code 11
Preschool - Referral Source	Can you please clarify code 06 – DPW referral – is this still Birth to 3?	Yes
Preschool - Referral Source	Can you please clarify code 11 – What does EI provider mean?	Code 11 should be Early Childhood Program.
Preschool - Referral Source	Can you please clarify code 18 – CAPTA referral – is this where all C& Y referrals	See RG
Preschool - Referral Source	Please define Referral Source (item 17) code 18 - CAPTA.	See RG
Preschool - Calculated Percent of Time	Calculated Percent of Time (item 20) should be 3 characters in cases of 100%?	Corrected in RG.

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Preschool - Calculated Percent of Time	Date entry code 20 – If we are to be able to answer this question from information on the LRE page of the IFSP/IEP, the question is worded incorrectly on the LRE page since it asks for hours per week in EC not % of time per week. Are you asking us to provide this information for children for whom we have not yet done a new IFSP/IEP? A significant number of returning children are still in the old paperwork.	No, should only be reported when the child is using the new IEP form. If you want to write it in on the IEP you can do it.
Preschool - Calculated Percent of Time & Percent Time in Regular Early Childhood Program	In a recent PennData meeting about the Resource Guide, we learned that item 21 is wrong in the August 2008 version of the Preschool EI Monthly Aggregate Resource Guide. Instead of a code, this item should instead of an actual percentage. My question is: Should item 20 also be a percentage, instead of a code?	Item 20 - Calculated Percent of Time is a percentage and Item 21 - Percent Time in Regular Early Childhood Program is a code
Preschool - Permission to Evaluate	Does Permission to Evaluate (item 22) include re-evals?	No, only initial evaluations.
Preschool - Permission to Evaluate	How can we be asked to provide these dates (for children already enrolled) when we had no requirement to collect them before 7-1-08?	This field is for new children after 7/1/08
Preschool - Permission to Evaluate	Can field 22 - date permission to evaluate requested by parent be blank? If so in what circumstances.	This field is for new children after 7/1/08 not children transitioning
Preschool - Parent Consent	In the New EI Aggregate Resource Guide, Field 24, Data Received Parent Consent. In the explanation/comments section it details Initial preschool evaluation. Do they want the initial permission date or the current permission date?	Initial date
Preschool - Date ER Issued	Date ER Issued to Parent (item 26) description lists source as IEP but it should be ER.	Corrected in RG.
Transition - Reason not by Age 3	For reporting (field 14) Reason IEP not by Age 3, what date starts the time line ticking for Late referral by Part C? The date of the 90 day meeting notification?	See Transition Guide
Transition - EIRS ID	What if we don't have an EIRS ID?	Since Transition is just for students transitioning from a 0-3 program which assigns the EIRS ID, you should have an EIRS ID for each student.

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Transition - EIRS ID	Since we do not have to track the 90 day meeting notification date, will we no longer have to report monthly transition information to Penn State?	Yes, you will have to continue to provide information to Penn State.