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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Childhood Program Directors and Coordinators

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Subject: Teaching Strategies GOLD Training Information

Beginning July 1st, 2011, all Arizona early childhood programs including district preschool and kindergarten programs, Head Start, Quality First and any early child care and education program collaborating or partnering with the Arizona Department of Education can purchase a **12-month subscription** to the online assessment Teaching Strategies GOLD at a rate of **\$10.95 per child**.

Regional **one-day trainings** are scheduled throughout Arizona during February and April 2011 and are intended for participants that have **previous professional experience** in using an observation-based assessment system with young children. The total cost per participant is \$99.

Two-day trainings, intended for participants **without** previous professional experience in using an observation-based assessment system with young children, **have not been scheduled yet**. Directors and Coordinators should email holly.ford@azed.gov with the number of staff in their programs that need a two-day training. The total cost per participant for both days is \$198.

All sessions will be delivered by Teaching Strategies authorized trainers.

IMPORTANT: Due to a large number of staff needing training, some districts and programs will host their own training sessions. Before registering, check with your local special education director or early childhood program director to inquire if a training session will be held specifically for you and your colleagues.

Directors, please notify your staff if you plan to host your own training session.

Here's how to register.

1. Click on www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration to access online registration.
2. Click on *View Events by Program* at top of webpage.
3. Click on *Early Childhood Programs*.
4. Search for a training that includes the county in which your district or program is located in the title.
5. Register! No refunds will be issued for cancellations but staff substitutions are allowed.

Dates and locations will continue to be added. If your program or community has computer labs available for trainings, please send an email to holly.ford@azed.gov for details on hosting a session.