



HOOTMAIL

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NYC EARLYLEARN COMMUNITY

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Authentic Assessment Hotline

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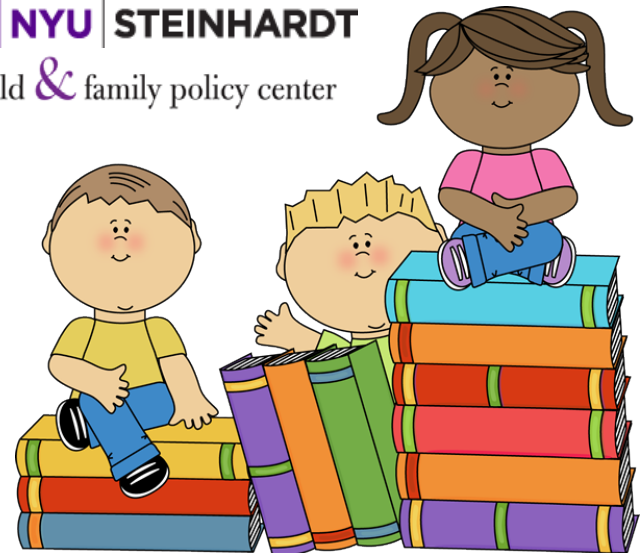
2015-2016 Citywide Authentic Assessment Checkpoint Deadlines :

Dec. 11, 2015 | March 11, 2016 | June 10, 2016

Hotline representatives are on-call to support teachers and administrators in using Authentic Assessment to meet the requirements for each checkpoint. This includes assistance with:

- ✓ Online Tool Navigation
- ✓ Collecting & Writing Anecdotes
- ✓ Scoring Anecdotes
- ✓ Interpreting Reports
- ✓ Time Management

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Call 212-998-9003, Monday to Friday: 8:15am - 5:30pm

*Please Note: Our Summer Hours (Monday to Friday: 10:00am – 4:00pm) are in effect through Sept. 8, 2015; the Hotline is closed on Wednesdays from 12:30pm - 2:00pm



Dear ACS Daycare/Head Start Director,

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services is looking for a partner for its ***Relationships for Growing & Learning (RfGL)*** Program!

Relationships for Growing & Learning (RfGL) is Mental Health Consultation plus at-your-site screening and intervention that works collaboratively with daycare and Head Start staff to help children develop the social, emotional and attentional strengths they need to be productive, happy, and well-adjusted learners by the time they start kindergarten and elementary school.

As you know, pregnancy through age 5 is a critical time for children, marked by rapid development in cognitive, social, and emotional functioning. But, unfortunately, there are factors that can derail a child's development, including poverty, disability, trauma and unstable homes, especially when more than one condition is present.

For over 40 years, The Jewish Board's RfGL Program has offered accessible services **within** childcare and Head Start to children, parents and childcare center staff members, which put children on the path to success, no matter their background or challenge, while supporting the people ---parents and childcare staff--- who care for them.



Please read the attached flier and fill out the very brief application to ask questions and learn more.

With deep appreciation for your own commitment to New York's young children,
Rebecca Shahmoon Shanok, Director
RfGL, Jewish Board
Tonia Spence, Director
Clinic Services, Child Development Center, Jewish Board



Strengthen your Center with *Relationships for Growth & Learning (RfGL)*

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How does *RfGL* work?

Teams composed of your preschool staff and *RfGL* clinicians carefully observe all the children in a class or school across a variety of situations. Together they identify children who are not learning, socializing, or functioning at age-level, assess the nature and severity of their challenges, and develop action-plans for them.

What does *RfGL* offer your center and your staff?

- **Mental Health Consultation** for children, parents and staff, including
 - Observation and screening of all the children in your program
 - Collaboration, consultation, and support for directors, teachers and care providers
 - Early detection of special needs, CPSE Referrals and Support
 - Professional development on a wide range of topics
 - Parent workshops on subjects of their and your choice
- **Parent Services**
 - Child guidance sessions
 - Treatment as needed within your center or a nearby Jewish Board program

- **Child Services**
 - **Peer Playgroups for Growth & Learning**
 - What is a peer playgroup?
 - Groups of 2-5 children, which meet within your center with trained *RfGL* clinicians twice a week
 - Children learn to play, pay attention, communicate, problem-solve, and express themselves in words and play
 - 95% of parents from any background say “YES!” to playgroup for their child
 - Parents, teachers and research report that children’s behavior plus their social, communication and learning skills improve a lot

Plus individual or-and family appointments or treatment as helpful



What does *RfGL* need from you and your center?

- **Relationship**
 - Regular, open communication with center Director
 - Regular times to meet with staff about children and-or challenges of their concern
 - Formal understanding with your Center’s governing body
- **Space**
 - Small room in which to see 2 - 5 children together
 - Small room to meet with parents
- **Center Size**
 - 100 children or more preferred
 - More than one site is okay
- **Participation in Research**
 - With *RfGL*’s partner, the Center for Attachment Research, New School for Social Research here in New York, *RfGL* is in the process of becoming “evidence based”



- Questionnaires and short activities are given by research assistants before a child begins playgroup and afterwards as well. Parents and teachers find the process helpful, especially in the way they understand a child's needs
- **Fee**
 - Cost will be worked out together
 - Depends on scope and time

Relationships between RfGL and your center are tailored to your needs!



By partnering with existing early childhood programs, RfGL is able to reach children and families where they are each day, while daycare/Head Start staff members more fully meet the needs of all the children and their families.

Our services are confidential, thoughtful, and planned with you!

To find out more, let's talk ...

PLEASE FILL IN THE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



To find out more about *RfGL*, let's talk. Please fill in the short questionnaire below and send it to Nomi Schwarzbaum at nschwarzbaum@jbfcs.org with “*RfGL* Inquiry” in the subject line.

- Please briefly describe your Center, how many children it serves, its strengths, and its needs

- Can you make time for regular contact with the *RfGL* clinician at your site and what are you hoping for?

- Does your site have space to hold small playgroups and a place for us to meet with their parent(s)/key caregiver?

Yes

Unsure

No

So we can be in touch, please write your name, position as well the name plus location of your center

Your Name Your Position

Name of Center Address Zip

Email Phone Cell Phone

- What is the best way to reach you?

- What times of day is it best to phone?
