Informational sheet for HighScope COR Advantage

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✓ Approved for PA infant and toddler outcomes reporting
✓ Approved for PA pre-kindergarten outcomes reporting

Description
HighScope’s COR Advantage is a research-based, valid child assessment tool serving children from birth through kindergarten. Released in 2013, COR Advantage is observation based and provides a detailed developmental child profile covering nine key areas of development and learning, including English language learning. COR Advantage is aligned with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, Common Core State Standards for kindergarten, and other state and national early learning standards. It is appropriate for use with any developmentally appropriate curriculum as well as the HighScope Curriculum. COR Advantage data can be effectively used to create meaningful lesson plans individualized for children’s needs and interests, guide program improvement, and meet required administrative reporting requirements.

HighScope is an independent, nonprofit organization and has been developing research-based child assessment tools for more than 20 years. For more information about HighScope, visit www.highscope.org.

What ages does the tool assess?
COR Advantage is on the approved list for Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning for infant, toddler, older toddler, and pre-K levels. COR Advantage assesses children from birth through kindergarten; each COR Item offers eight clearly defined levels to assist teachers in identifying skills by all children, including those with special needs.

Pennsylvania Early Intervention Specifics - Does the tool convert the rating of items to the PA early intervention Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF1 – 7 scales)?
No response included

How often are children assessed?
COR Advantage offers two, three, or four reporting period options; programs may select the number of periods based on their own program schedule. Programs with multiple sites may select reporting period dates for the organization as a whole or modify site reporting dates based on program schedules.

What online tools are available?
COR Advantage is a cloud-based system that provides online lesson planning, a resources toolbox with guides and articles, and embedded tool tips to support using the software. Mobile applications are available for Apple and Android tablets with free downloads to support teachers. COR Advantage’s Family Network allows families a secure way to connect with the program and keep up to date with their child’s individual progress. Teachers may use the lesson planning feature to develop daily plans aligned with COR items and material lists.

What training options are available?

Hybrid COR Advantage Training:
This training option includes a 1-day face-to-face training with a 2-week online component. During the in-person workshop, participants will learn to write complete and objective anecdotes, to become familiar with the COR Advantage categories, and to determine which COR Advantage level most suitably represents the anecdote, plus how to share the report, Your Child’s Developmental Summary with families. The two weeks of facilitated online training helps learners gain additional experience writing objective anecdotes as they familiarize themselves with the 9 COR Advantage categories, perfecting their ability to identify the correct COR Advantage level for a particular anecdote. A rater reliability test is included with this option.

4-week online COR Advantage Training:
Using video clips and expert instruction, participants learn to write complete and objective anecdotes, to identify the COR Advantage categories and items, understand the scoring range which are the numbers attached to the developmental levels, and how to score anecdotes to complete the assessment, plus how to share the report, Use Your Child’s Developmental Summary with families. A rater reliability test is included with this option.

COR Advantage Training Modules:
These self-paced online learning modules highlight the features of the tool, including writing and scoring anecdotes, generating useful reports and planning lessons.

Training costs include high-quality print resources and reference materials.
Training options can be customized to your unique needs; please call for a quote.

Website address: www.coradvantage.org