

Informational sheet for **Pearson, Ounce Scale™**

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<p>The Ounce Scale™ is published by NCS Pearson, Inc.</p>	<p><b>Approved by Bureau of Early Learning Services for</b></p>		
	<p>✓</p>	<p>Approved for PA infant and toddler outcomes reporting</p>	
<p><b>Description</b></p> <p>The Ounce Scale™ offers a meaningful way to document and evaluate the growth and development of infants and toddlers in a variety of settings including center-based childcare, family home day care, and Early Head Start centers. Ounce takes a naturalistic, whole child approach to observation that celebrates the achievement and developmental milestones of very young children. The Ounce family albums provide a framework to help families learn about child development and activities to encourage development in each critical area. Ounce organizes observations and assessment around six major areas: personal connections, feelings about self, relationships with other children, understanding and communicating, exploration and problem solving, and movement and coordination. Teachers and caregivers use Ounce Observational Records to document children’s everyday behaviors. The Developmental Profile is completed at the end of each age range to evaluate a child’s development and progress.</p>			
<p><b>Pennsylvania Specifics:</b></p> <p>Since 2008, Pearson Clinical Assessment has partnered with the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to implement Ounce. Pearson collaborates with OCDEL to help meet their current standards.</p>			
<p><b>How does the tool meet the needs of young children with developmental disabilities or delays?</b></p> <p>Because it focuses on what children can do, within a developmental context, Ounce is appropriate for children with developmental disabilities.</p>			
<p><b>Does the tool convert the rating of items to the PA early intervention Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF 1 – 7 scales)?</b></p> <p>Teachers have access to a COSF form in the Ounce Online system, but they will need to select appropriate ratings.</p>			
<p><b>What ages does the tool assess?</b></p> <p>The Ounce Scale™ assesses children from birth to 42 months.</p>			
<p><b>How often are children assessed?</b></p> <p>Observation Records and Developmental Profiles in Ounce are organized according to age range. Teachers complete Developmental Profile ratings at the end of each age period. The age ranges are as follows: Babies I (0-4mo.); Babies II (4-8 mo.); Babies III (8-12 mo.); Babies IV (12-18 mo.); Toddlers I (18-24 mo.); Toddlers II (24-30 mo.); Toddlers III (30-36 mo.); Preschoolers (36-42 mo.).</p>			
<p><b>What on-line tools are available?</b></p> <p>Ounce Online is a user-friendly tool to streamline data collection and reporting. It enables caregivers and teachers to upload media files and provides a simple but systematic process for collecting data and completing evaluations. The system facilitates activity planning for teachers and helps administrators meet reporting and program evaluation requirements. The Family Corner facilitates family participation. As part of your Ounce 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.</p>	<p><b>What training options are available?</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000403/ounce-scale-the.html#tab-training">http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000403/ounce-scale-the.html#tab-training</a></p>		
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