

## **The Child Outcomes Summary Form**

The Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF) (Appendix E) was developed by ECO and modified by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). It provides a 7-point scale for documenting children's developmental skills compared to age-expected performance in all three outcome areas required by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). It is strongly recommended that a copy of the completed *MI COSF for Early Childhood: Preschool* is placed in each child's CA-60 file for several reasons detailed below.

First, the form may be needed to answer questions that may arise about an assessment after the data have been submitted into the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS).

Second, when an exit assessment is administered, it is helpful to compare data collected in the entry assessment with data collected in the exit assessment.

Third, if it is not clear from a child's file that an entry assessment has been administered, a teacher or service provider may wrongly decide not to administer an exit assessment. As this is a new system, keeping a hard copy of the information assures protection of data.