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## AEAs Provide Programs Free Access to mylGDIs for 2019-20 Literacy Screening

lowa's AEA system is pleased to continue providing consistency with their preschool programs for the 2019-20 school year for districts and community partners in the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP) for four year old children.

The AEA system will continue to cover the *full* cost (\$3 per child) to access to the online data system and iPAD app for preschool programs that are currently using or are interested in starting to use the Individual Growth and Development Indicators (myIGDIs) for literacy screening for preschool learners during the 2019-20 school year.

There are two options for administering mylGDIs, and each option is detailed in the chart below:

Kit Users of mylGDIs	iPad Users Continuing to use iPads and Users Switching to iPads
What It Is mylGDIs is available in kit format, which includes assessment cards and forms to document assessments. This format includes a program's access to the online data system. Please note: the kit version does not allow progress monitoring for children.	What It Is  Everything an educator needs to screen and progress monitor with mylGDIs assessments is included within an iPad application. This includes access to the online data system, iPad licensure, and access to the online progress monitoring system. This approach for using mylGDIs will require two iPads per classroom: one for the teacher and another for the children.
<ul> <li>What You Should Know</li> <li>Programs don't need to take any action if you're already using mylGDIS and will continue for 2018-19. Early Learning Labs will turn on your access</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>What You Should Know</li> <li>There is no action required for programs starting or continuing with mylGDIS for 2019-20. Early Learning Labs will turn on your access to the</li> </ul>



to the database in July.

- The AEA system is not covering the cost of assessment kits, which are needed if you're assessing without iPads. Kit users who need additional kits can purchase them for \$200 each. Please contact Kurt Scheppmann to purchase (kurt@earlylearninglabs.com)
- Kit users can <u>access a pdf of the</u> <u>recording form they can download</u> and print at no charge.

- database and the iPAD access in August.
- If a kit is not already on site, it's recommended that districts purchase one assessment kit in the event that an online assessment is not appropriate for a child.
- All accounts will include iPad access, so programs and classrooms can easily switch from a kit to an iPad app with no additional action required to activate this change.

## **Action Required**

**For Returning Programs:** Programs don't need to take any action if you're already using mylGDIS and will continue for 2019-2020. Early Learning Labs will turn on your access to the online database and the iPAD access in August.

**For New Programs**: Complete this <u>form</u> and Early Learning Labs will be in contact with you to set up your mylGDIs assessment program. The deadline to sign up to participate is June 5.

**For Users/ Programs Wishing to Cancel Participation:** The deadline to cancel your program's account for 2019-20 is June 5. You can complete this <u>form</u> to indicate your desire to cancel your account.

Additional information for either the kit user or the iPad user:

- Training resources will be made available for both new and returning users.
- There is flexibility to add more children to current classrooms, but if a district or community partner is adding additional classrooms, buildings or has other substantial changes, please contact Kurt Scheppmann at <a href="https://kurt@earlylearninglabs.com">kurt@earlylearninglabs.com</a>.

## **Online Tutorials:**





Educators using the Individual Growth and Development Indicators (myIGDIs) can now access <u>online tutorials</u> to assist them with administering these assessments. Created by Early Learning Labs, these online tutorials can be accessed on the <u>lowa Page</u> that houses information and assessment resources for our state. (You might want to bookmark this on your computer.) You also can find them at myIGDIs.com.

## **Assistance for Preschool Teachers:**

If you have questions, please see the <u>Help</u> section of mylGDIs or email the mylGDIs trainer in your AEA.

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<sup>\*</sup> The AEA is covering the full cost of a program's access to the Online Data System and iPad license and Progress Monitoring System for the 2019-20 school year but not the cost of additional materials. The AEA system is providing this financial support to provide some consistency for preschool programs, but it's important to note that funding for future school years can not be assumed.