Child Outcomes Summary Knowledge Check (COS-KC) Frequently Asked Questions for Local Administrators



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Why would a local program want to participate in the COS-KC?

The COS-KC provides state and local administrators with data that show whether practitioners have the knowledge they need to effectively participate in the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) process.

What do COS-KC Local Admins do?

Designated local administrators (COS-KC Local Admins) help their practitioners register for the COS-KC and monitor their completion. Local Admins have permission to pull and review several different data reports.

What kind of reports will COS-KC Local Admins receive?

Local Admins can pull reports that show completion status for individual practitioners who registered for the COS-KC and pass/fail status for practitioners who completed the COS-KC. The COS-KC also generates reports with completion and pass/fail rates overall and by practitioner characteristics (e.g., role, years of experience, hours of COS training, etc.). In addition, the COS-KC data is available in an Excel spreadsheet if local programs want to conduct additional analyses.

Will the Local Admins be able to see scores on the COS-KC?

No, the COS-KC does not generate scores. State and Local Admins can see whether participants passed or did not pass the COS-KC. The system does not provide information about the specific items or areas of content practitioners missed.

Who has access to the COS-KC data?

Local administrators have access to COS-KC data for their local program. State administrators have access to the data for all participating programs in their state. Designated DaSy staff have access to all data in the system.

How does a practitioner take the COS-KC?

Once state administrators have worked with DaSy staff to set up the COS-KC system, state or local designees send practitioners email messages that contain a link to register for and take the online 30item, multiple choice assessment. Because practitioners can take the COS-KC from any location, the assessment requires no specific coordination of meetings or space.



Where can I go for more information?

Visit the COS-KC website at Child Outcomes Summary Knowledge Check (COS-KC) | DaSy Center

Whom can I contact for more information?

Reach out to your COS-KC state admin or other state staff to learn more about how the COS-KC is being implemented in your state.

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