

PURPOSE

Acuscreen is a 45-day developmental screening tool in use by hundreds of Head Start programs. Acuscreen is designed to help educators determine whether or not a child should be referred for diagnostic testing aimed at determining the child's eligibility for special services. When used with Galileo Pre-K Online, Acuscreen data can be stored, aggregated, and used to generate analytical report information.

ADMINISTER THE ACUSCREEN TO CHILDREN

Within the time period specified by your program administrator, you will want to administer the *Acuscreen* screening inventory to your children ages 3-5. You will need the *Acuscreen* screening form provided to you by ATI or your program administrator. You will want to plan spending 15 minutes per child to conduct the screening. Once the screening is completed be sure to add up the child's score and to fill in all comments and notes.

Many programs utilize the *Acuscreen* booklet instead of relying on the *Acuscreen* report printed out of Galileo. The booklet can be placed in a child's folder to evidence assessment protocol. The booklet provides directions on administering the assessment, has two pages of referenced images, and includes places to note anecdotal information. The booklet (in either English or Spanish) can be purchased directly from ATI.

PROCESS



ENTER THE ACUSCREEN OBSERVATION

You will first enter basic screening information into Galileo. If using the *Acuscreen* booklet, this information is located in the booklet.

You will now take the completed *Acuscreen* results and enter this information into Galileo. If you are not using the *Acuscreen* booklet, generate the *Scale Examples* report (page 9) to assist in administering the screening tool.



Please note, in order to record the Acuscreen results into Galileo, a child must be at least 3 years old at the time of the Acuscreen screening.

1. Click Assessment>Enter Observations>By Child.

Setup Assessment Curriculum	Child/Family Repo	rts	Welcome, Belinda Bear! Your user level is Class.		
Enter Observations View Information					
By Child		Agency: Galileo OL			
By Goal	Child	Year: This Year Center: Happy Hearts Preschool	🌀 Select Language 🔻		
By Class		Class: Belinda's a.m.			
Storyteller			Settings Help Tech Support Site Map Logout		
Notes					
Scale Examples					

- 2. If you are an Agency- or Center-level user, use the down arrow on the **Center** drop-down menu to select the center to which the child you wish to observe belongs.
- 3. Use the down arrow on the **Class** drop-down menu to select the class to which the child you wish to observe belongs.
- 4. Use the down arrow on the **Child** drop-down menu to select the child you wish to observe.
- 5. Use the down arrow on the **Scale** drop-down menu to select the Acuscreen scale.

Center:	Happy Hearts Preschool	~	
Class:	Belinda's a.m.	×	No observation has been made for this scale by this date
Child:	Bates, Juan	*	0 33
Scale:	Ages 3-5: ACUSCREEN	*	Amount Langed D
Observation Date:	2/19/2010		Current DL Score: N/A

The MAPS Scales: Infant-Preschool level 2 library's Ages 3-5 Acuscreen scale must be assigned to the agency, center, and/or class.

6. Select the **Observation Date** to select the date the screening was given. (It will default to today's date.)

7. You must make sure that each capability marked as "yes" on the screening form is also marked as learned in Galileo. Click with your mouse in the boxes next to each capability to mark it as learned.

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT	Planning Level		Data Source	
1) 🖌 Clows a simple direction in a one-to-one interaction with an adult.	Learned	~	Acuscreen	~
2) 🔲 Distinguishes plants from animals.	Plan Later	~	Not Evaluated	~
 Follows a small set of step-by-step directions, without assistance. 	Learned	~	Acuscreen	~
4) 🗌 Gives part of a group when requested to give some.	Plan Later	~	Not Evaluated	~

- 8. To the right of each capability, there is a box labeled **Data Source**. Click with your mouse in this box. A drop-down menu will appear, listing the data sources. Select the Acuscreen option.
- 9. Then click the *Save Changes* button.
- 10. Repeat these steps for each child.

ENTER SCREENING INFORMATION

Once the **Observations by Child** page is completed for the Acuscreen scale, the **Acuscreen Information** page must be completed.

1. Click Assessment>View Information>Acuscreen Information.

Setup Assessment Curriculum Child/Family Repo	orts	Welcome, Belinda Bear! Your user level is Class.
Enter Observations View Information		
Observa Acuscreen Information	Agency: Galileo OL Year: This Year Center: Happy Hearts Preschool Class: Belinda's a.m.	G Select Language 🛛 🔻
	Si	ettings Help Tech Support Site Map Logout

- If you are an Agency- or Center-level user, use the down arrow on the Center drop-down menu to select the center to which the child you wish to enter information belongs.
- 3. Use the drop-down menu to select the **Class** of the child you wish to enter information about.
- 4. Use the drop-down menu to select the **Child** you wish to enter information about.

Select Class	Zoe's p.m.	
Select Child	Wright, Maria	•

- 5. Enter the name of the **Screener** in the text box.
- The Screening Date defaults the observational date entered on the Observations by Child page (refer to the Enter the Acuscreen Observation section, page 2). This screening date matches the observation date on the Acuscreen scale for norm scores to display on the report.

- 7. Use the **Articulation** drop-down menu to select whether the child's speech was easy or hard to understand.
- 8. In the **Primary Language** textbox, type the child's primary language.
- Enter Prescreening Information (found on page 1 of Acuscreen booklet) and Summary Remarks (found on page 6 of Acuscreen booklet) in the memo box labeled Acuscreen Notes.¹

Center:	Happy He	earts Preschool				
Class:	Owen's a	ı. 🗸				
Child:	Bonica, J	evon 🗸				
Screener		Mrs. Vega				
Screening	g Date	9/27/2014				
Articulati	on	Easy to Understand 🗸				
Primary L	anguage	English				
Acuscree	n Note	child was focused must of the time only speaks	1			
			N			
			Spell Check			
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S	ave					

- 10. (optional) Click the Spell Check button.
- 11.Click the *Save* button.

COPY ACUSCREEN RESULTS TO EACH GALILEO G3 SCALE



Copying the Acuscreen results to another Galileo G3 Scale is an optional step.

SCALES

Some of the goals in the *Acuscreen* screening inventory are the same goals that are on the 3-5 years Galileo G3 Scales. You may copy a child's *Acuscreen* results to the Galileo Scales, thus documenting that a child has learned specific capabilities. The Galileo Scales that share *Acuscreen* capabilities are:

- 1. 3-5 years: G3 Approaches to Learning
- 2. 3-5 years: G3 English Language Acquisition
- 3. 3-5 years: G3 Early Math
- 4. 3-5 years: G3 Language

¹ The *Acuscreen* booklet must be purchased from Assessment Technology, Incorporated. Document is available in English and Spanish.

- 5. 3-5 years: G3 Literacy
- 6. 3-5 years: G3 Nature and Science
- 7. 3-5 years: G3 Physical Development & Health
- 8. 3-5 years: G3 Social and Emotional Development
- 9. 3-5 years: G3 Social Studies



If you are copying data into a scale for which a child has not yet been baselined, you may want to baseline the child <u>first</u> in the new scale, save the baseline data, and then copy the assessments after that. This is because baselining will overwrite any previous assessments made. Refer to step #9 (page 6) for additional guidance.

STEPS

1. Click Setup>Scales>Copy Assessments.

Setup	Assessment Curriculum Child/F	amily Reports	Welcome, Belinda Bear! Your user level is Class.
Data	Scales Libraries User Accounts		
	Scale Builder	Agency: Galileo OL	
	Assign Scales	Year: This Year Center: Happy Hearts Preschool	G Select Language
9	Copy Assessments	Class: Belinda's a.m.	
			Settings Help Tech Support Site Map Logout

- If you are an Agency- or Center-level user, use the down arrow on the Center drop-down menu to select the center to which you wish to copy observational data.
- Click the Class drop-down box to select the class or if you are an Agency- or a Center-level user, you may select [All Classes].

Select the c If the class the assessm	enter or class and children you want to co level is selected, assessments for individu tents for enrolled children in the selected	py assessment data from. al children can be copied, if center level is selected, a scale and date will be copied.
Center	Happy Hearts Preschool	•
Class	Belinda's p.m.	•

- 4. Select the date in the **Select children and scales that have observations as of** field for which you wish to copy the data.
- 5. To select your scales, use the **Copy data from** drop-down menu to select the scale that already contains data for this child. Select the Ages 3-5: ACUSCREEN.
- 6. Use the **Copy data to** drop-down menu to select the scale to which you intend to copy data. Select the applicable 3-5 years Galileo G3 scale.

Select the scale you want to copy the Copy data from	assessment data from and the scale to copy the assessment data to.
Ages 3-5: ACUSCREEN	
Copy data to	
3-5 years: G3 Early Math	



Refer to the <u>Scales</u> section, page 4, for a list of shared scales.

 If a class was selected, select the child(ren) for whom you wish to copy assessments. Please note the children with an asterisk (*) have observations in the select scale.

The children who have observations in the selected scale by the selected date		
have an asterisk (*) after their name.		
	Select Children	
🗹 Adams, Steven *	🖉 Johnson, Josephine	
🗹 Fairchild, Mason	✓ White, Matthew	
<u>s</u>	Select All Deselect All	

8. The mapped scales will appear in a list so that you may view which goals in one scale correspond to the other.

You may notice that a single scale on the left maps to different scales on the right. You will need to copy assessments between each scale set to ensure maximum benefit from the mapping, such as is the case with *Acuscreen*. Mapping may be unidirectional from one scale to the other, not necessarily automatically reciprocal.

Copy assessment data From Scale:	To Scale:
Ages 3-5: ACUSCREEN	3-5 years: G3 Early Math
4) Gives part of a group when requested to give some.	11) Separates a group into two sets and identifies the number of items in both sets.
5) Sorts objects by a distinctive characteristic (e.g, size, texture, weight, color).	25) Sorts diverse objects based on a physical attribute (e.g., shape).
6) Counts to find how many are in a group < 6.	2) Counts to find how many are in a group up to 5.
8) Indicates that one was taken away from a small group.	19) Indicates that one was taken away from a small group.
11) Refers to familiar shapes (e.g., circle, square, triangle) by name.	34) Identifies familiar shapes (e.g., circle, square, triangle, diamond) by name.
12) Counts to find how many are in a group < 11.	4) Counts to find how many are in a group up to 10.
13) Indicates that a small group has more after some have been added.	16) Indicates that a small group has more after some have been added.

Copy Data

- 9. Click the Copy Data button.
- 10. The capabilities will transfer, although the anecdotal notes will not.
- 11.Repeat these steps for each Galileo G3 scale that shares Acuscreen capabilities.

If you wish to review the assessments that have been copied, click **Assessment>Enter Observations>By Child**, then select the scale to which you copied assessments. The copied assessments will appear. To have the system begin to automatically update your planning click the *Update planning levels* button, the click the *Save changes* button.

ACUSCREEN REPORT

The *Acuscreen* report summarizes each child's *Acuscreen* score and development summary score. Each capability that was screened is listed, as well as whether it was demonstrated as learned. The screening report not only summarizes the results of *Acuscreen*, but it also doubles as an Individualized Development Plan (IDP). This report, with its planning levels, can be used by teachers to immediately start planning learning opportunities that articulate to each child's developmental level.

1. Click **Reports> Miscellaneous Reports>Acuscreen Report**.

Miscellaneous Reports	Description
Acuscreen Report	Shows the Acuscreen information and readiness level for each child for each goal in the Acuscreen scale
Individual Child Development Plan	Worksheet for recording the data source the observations are based on for an individual child for selected goals in a scale

- 2. If you are an Agency- or Center-level user, use the down arrow on the **Center** drop-down menu to select the center.
- 3. Use the down arrows on the **Class** drop-down menu to select the class on which you wish to generate a report.
- 4. Select the **child(ren)** for whom you wish to generate the report. You may use the <u>Select All</u> and <u>Deselect All</u> links.
- 5. The default settings under **Readiness Filters** include all readiness levels. You may include as many readiness levels as you wish. Click in the checkboxes by them to select or deselect them. A checkmark will appear by selected readiness levels.

Class	Owen's a.m.	~
	Select Children	
	Adams, Steven Gee, Elle	
	Blackwell, Robert 🗹 Taylor, Elizabeth	
	Bonica, Jevon	
	Select All Deselect All	
Option	nal Filters and Settings	

6. Click the *Run Report* button.

Run Report

7. The report opens as an Adobe document.



RESCREENING

If *Acuscreen* rescreening was done, the *Acuscreen* report includes the most recent screening date (**Screening Date** label) and the original screening date (**Initial Screening Date** label).



Degree of Risk for Developmental Delay	3 years 0 months - 3 year 11 months	4 years 0 months - 4 year 11 months	5 years 0 months - 5 years 11 months
Highly at risk (5 th percentile)	6 points or fewer 303-365	10 points or fewer 303-395	12 points or fewer 303-409
Moderately at risk	7-8 points	11-13 points	13-16 points
(10 th percentile)	373-381	402-415	415-436
Mildly at risk (15 th	9-10 points	14-15 points	17-19 points
percentile)	388-395	422-429	443-457

ACUSCREEN RISK LEVELS AND CORRESPONDING DL SCORES

SCALE EXAMPLE REPORT



You may also view scale examples when in one of **Observation by Child**, **Observation by Goal**, and **Observation by Class** page.

1. Click Assessment>Enter Observations>Scale Examples.

Setup Assessment Curriculum	Child/Family Report	5	Welcome, Belinda Bear! Your user level is Class.					
Enter Observations View Information								
By Child By Goal	, hild	Agency: Galileo OL fear: This Year - Senter: Hanny Hearts Preschool	G Select Language ▼					
By Class	Cla	ss: Belinda's a.m.						
Storyteller			Settings Help Tech Support Site Map Logout					
Notes								
Scale Examples								

2. Use the down arrow on the **Scale Library** to select the MAPS/ACUSCREEN: Infant-Preschool library.

OBSERVING AN	ND ASSESSING CHILDREN	USING GALILEO	
Scale Library: MAPS/ACUSCREEN: Infant-Preschool			\sim
Scale: Ages 3-5: ACUSCREEN			
[Display Goal Examples	Print Goal Examples	

- 3. Use the down arrow on the **Scale** to select the Age 3-5: ACUSCREEN scale.
- 4. Click either the:
 - a. Print Goal Examples button to create a hard copy or
 - b. *Display Goal Examples* button to have examples displayed on the screen.

(Image on next page.)

GOAL EXAMPLES FOR AGES 3-5: ACUSCREEN

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- 01) Follows a simple direction in a one-to-one interaction with an adult.
- 02) Distinguishes plants from animals.
- 03) Follows a small set of step-by-step directions, without assistance.
- 04) Gives part of a group when requested to give some.
- Sorts objects by a distinctive characteristic (e.g, size, texture, weight, color).

DIRECTIONS: During an activity with blocks, say, "Give me a block." Mark as learned if child can do this goal.

DIRECTIONS: Show the child the picture containing plans and animals (Supplemental Page B). Say "Point to a picture of a plant." Then say, "Now point to a picture of an animals." Mark as learned if child can do this goal.

DIRECTIONS: During an activity with blocks, say, "Put one block on the floor and one on the table." Mark as learned if child can do this goal.

DIRECTIONS: Make a pile of five blocks. Say, "Give me some blocks." Mark as learned if child can do this goal.

DIRECTIONS: Provide the child with a pile of blocks of different colors, sizes, textures, and/or shapes. Ask the child to put all of the blocks that are the same together. Mark as learned if child can do this goal.