

Exhibit 4—Assessment Resource Mapping

Exhibit 4 is a sample format for conducting an environmental scan that builds on information gathered about assessment programs or service providers. Keep in mind that many programs provide multiple services. When compiling data, use formatting and input that will be compatible with your end product (i.e., database or spreadsheet software). Below is guidance for completing each column on the chart.

Column 1. Identify the program and its sponsor/funder.

Column 2. List the assessment services provided by this program in the four assessment domains: educational, vocational, psychological, and medical, and the four institutional uses of assessment: eligibility determination, progress measurement, program accountability, and assistive technology or accommodation determination.

Column 3. Identify the program's target youth population and the number of youth served in the most recent period available. The latter can be expressed as a percentage of the eligible population.

Column 4. Indicate how funds are distributed within the state or local area and identify who actually delivers the service and how these services are delivered.

Column 5. Identify the other agencies and organizations that the program currently partners with in providing assessment services.

This information will create a large-scale portrait of assessment services that can be used to start the analysis of services. Questions to consider in the analysis include:

- Where are the major gaps in assessment service delivery?
- Who are the target populations most in need of improved access to assessment services?
- What are the barriers to aligning assessment programs and services?
- What, if any, are the quick fixes for assessment?
- What assessment issues need to be addressed first?
- Who needs to be involved in corrective action?
- How will success be measured?
- Who is available to provide assessments, especially for youth with disabilities?

Sample Environmental Scan Format

1. Program & Sponsor/Funder	2. Assessment Services				3. Target Population & Service Level Statistics	4. Service Delivery	5. Partnering with Other Agencies
	Educ	Voc	Psych	Med			
	Eligibility Determination						
	Formal Assessments of Progress						
	Program Accountability						
	Assistive Technology/ Accommodations						
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