

MCOE Preschool Assessment Collaboration Team (PACT)

Referral Process

How do we make a PACT referral?

Fill out the PACT Referral Form completely. Please contact parent or case manager for the required information before sending us the form. In addition to the one-page referral form, please attach *a signed assessment plan*.

For students in Central/North Merced county:

Email or Fax forms to Miriam Nutt

Fax: (209) 381-6765

Email: MNutt@mcoe.org

For students in West Merced County:

Email or Fax forms to Angelica Lerma

Fax: (209) 827-5639

Email: alerma@mcoe.org

If you are unable to fax or email the forms, you can hand deliver them, but please get it to us within 24 to 48 hours after the parent has signed the assessment plan.

Who is on the MCOE Preschool Assessment Collaboration Team?

The School Psychologists on the team are Barbara Price and Stephanie Martinez-Piuser. Also part of the team is Tracy Saefong, Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Who should make a referral?

A referral may be initiated by a District team member, such as the School Psychologist, SLP, Teacher, Parent, and/or other specialist. Please make sure to get signatures from the School Psychologist and Special Education Administrator before sending in the referral.

What should we include on the Assessment Plan?

Please include all of the usual assessment items that your team checks when doing a full evaluation on a student (Cognitive, Adaptive, Academic, Health, Communication and Autism, if suspected.). Please also include under *Other*, please write "MCOE observation and/or assessment by School Psychologist and/or Board Certified Behavior Analyst"

What can the PACT do?

- PACT can observe the student in various settings and offer helpful information, as well as write up observations for the IEP team.
- PACT can assist in testing and evaluation of a student (Example: Sit in on and help score an ADOS-2 as part of a team.).
- PACT can help facilitate a possible referral over to an MCOE classroom if needed.

District responsibilities as part of a collaboration with PACT

- District is responsible for writing up the assessment report and presenting it at the IEP.
- District is responsible for providing the needed testing materials.
- District is responsible for following the procedures listed in the flow chart if they want to refer the student to MCOE.
- District is responsible for all special education timelines concerning the student.