

## **Office of Special Education Programs Provides Tool Kit**

The federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has developed a new resource called "Tool Kit on Teaching and Assessing Students with Disabilities." The kit includes information that should prove helpful to State Education Agencies (SEAs) as they work to (1) develop valid and reliable assessments for students with disabilities, (2) establish guidelines for participation in state assessment, (3) conduct professional development on large-scale assessments, and (4) ensure the appropriate use of assessment accommodations. The kit also should prove useful to (1) educators as they plan and implement classroom instructional practices, and (2) parents looking for information on such topics as early literacy development and positive behavioral support. The tool kit can be accessed at <http://www.osepideasthatwork.org/toolkit/index.asp>.