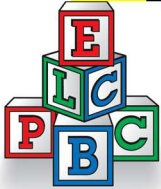


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# Got GOLD?



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My First Steps -  
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## WINNING PHOTOS

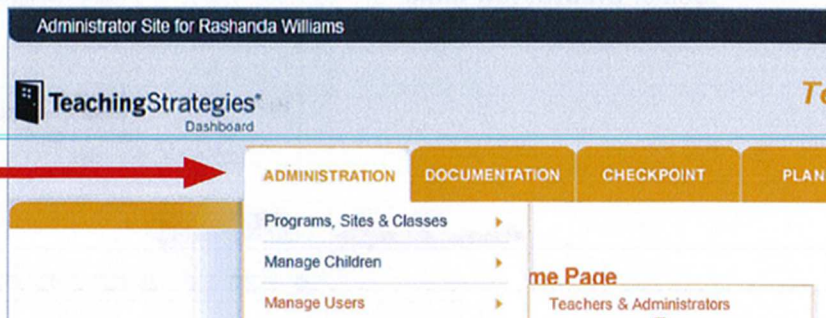
Send in your winning photo now! See GOLD Assessment Team contact on Page 10 of this newsletter for where to send photos.

# Linking Accounts in GOLD

If you have multiple GOLD accounts ( Office of Early Learning—VPK, Strong Minds GOLD Program, Lutheran Services Florida HS & EHS) and you are interested in being able to toggle back and forth from one GOLD account to another, without having to log out of one and log in to another... just follow the steps below.

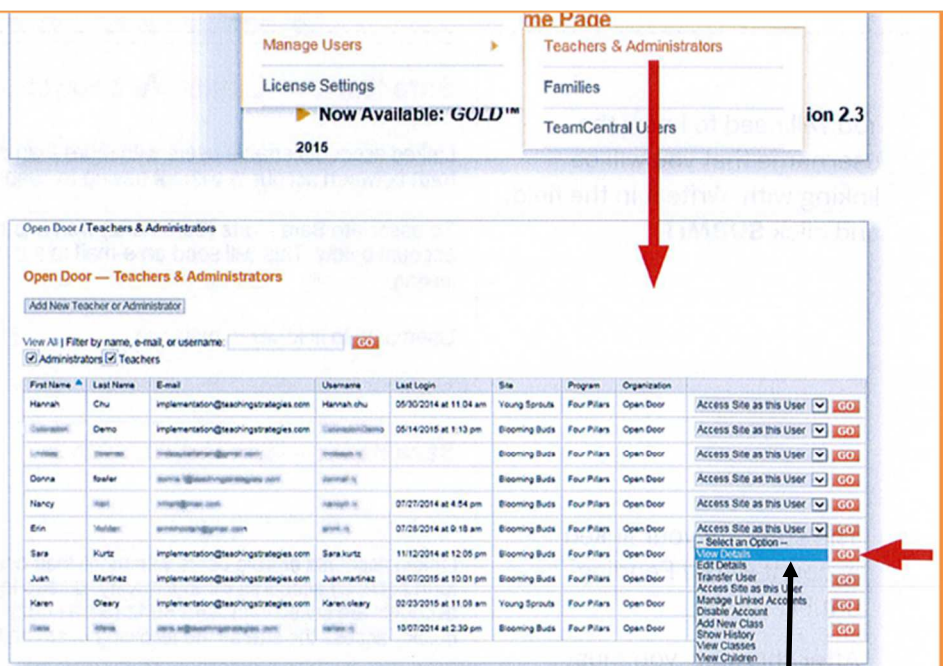
## Instructions for How To Link Usernames to Connect Multiple *Gold*™ by Teaching Strategies® Accounts

From your Administrator site:  
 Scroll over the **ADMINISTRATION** tab, then **Manage Users**, and select **Teachers & Administrators**.



This selection will take you to a page where you will only be able to view accounts relevant to your personal permission settings.

Select the user that will be sending out the “link username” invitation, and go to the drop-down menu. Select View Details, and click **GO**.



Select “View Details”

- At the following screen, you will click on the **Action** drop-down menu, and select **Manage Linked Accounts**.

**Sara Kurtz — View Teacher/Administrator**

GENERAL INFORMATION [Edit](#) [Change](#) [Edit Details](#) [Action ▾](#)

<b>Name</b>	Sara Kurtz	Transfer User
<b>Username</b>	Sara.kurtz	Access Site as this User
<b>E-mail</b>	implementation@teachingstrategie	<b>Manage Linked Accounts</b>
<b>Phone</b>	None	Disable Account
<b>User Type</b>	Teacher	Add Class
<b>Curriculum Types</b>	Both	Show History
<b>Last Login</b>	11/12/2014 12:05 PM ( <a href="#">Show History</a> )	View Classes
<b>User Enabled</b>	Yes	View Children

[Manage Interrater Reliability Access](#)

Once you are logged in as the user that you sent the invitation to, you can access your linked account invitations by clicking on the **Change Role** drop-down menu, and selecting **Linked Accounts**.

Teacher Site for Juan Martinez [Home](#) [Change Role](#) [Help](#) [Logout](#)

TeachingStrategies® Dashboard [Family Site](#) [Linked Accounts](#) Teaching Strategies GOLD®

On the following screen you will see your pending invitations. Select **Accept** to link your user names.

**Linked Accounts**

**Existing Linked Accounts**

This page enables you to log in to the teacher site as another user. Please select a user from the list below.

Open Door  
Four Pillars  
Blooming Buds  
Rashanda Williams (implementationdemo)  
Young Sprouts  
Hannah Chu (Hannah.chu)

**Pending Accounts**

An administrator has proposed that you link your account with the following accounts. Once two accounts are linked, each username will be able to access the site as the user. Please accept or decline the associations.

Username	User	Associated Site	Status
Sara.kurtz	Sara Kurtz (implementation@teachingstrategies.com)	Open Door / Four Pillars / Blooming Buds	<b>“Pending”</b>

Status will be **“Pending”** until Teaching Strategies updates the system.





## Face-to-Face Strong Minds GOLD VPK Trainings in DCF System...

Some new training opportunities are being offered through the DCF system...

...So, we have been asked...What is this about?

What is required? What do I need to know in order to decide?

This training is for VPK teachers and directors who are in the Strong Minds GOLD Program.

In this case, your VPK teachers have 2 usernames and passwords, and need to understand how the Office of Early Learning GOLD program overlaps with the Strong Minds GOLD program.

If you prefer Face-to-Face over online PD then this training may be for you.

Required: 12 hours over 2 days

Sign up if...

1. Your program is in “Tier 1” or “Tier 2” of Strong Minds System
2. You are a Director of a program with VPK or a Lead VPK teacher
3. You prefer the face-to-face PD over the online PD (the online PD fulfills the same requirement for the Office of Early Learning)
4. You have many questions to ask about the Overlap of OEL-GOLD and Strong Minds GOLD
5. You can use 10 points in DCF system

# The Value of Individualizing Group Documentation in the GOLD online system

- When is it important to Individualize your Group Documentation?

- when the children included are not demonstrating the exact same aspects (dimensions) of development

- when protecting the identity of other children in the group when sharing with parents and community members

- When is it not necessary?

- when the children included are all demonstrating the same aspects (dimensions) of development

## Office of Early Learning VPK-GOLD Initiative & The “Strong Minds GOLD Program” ... ...Requirements & Updates

### ◆ **When will VPK classes be able to begin submitting data?**

*Only lead teachers with VPK qualifications can enter data in GOLD. They can begin once the professional development online or face to face training has been completed.*

### ◆ **What if I am already using GOLD in my program? What does this mean for teachers?**

*If you are already using GOLD for ex: In Strong Minds Programs or Lutheran Services FL Programs, checkpoint levels are all that is required for the Office of Early Learning. Documentation can be stored on paper or in another platform; The Office of Early Learning does not require duplication of documentation.*

### ◆ **What are linked accounts? How does it work?**

*Linked accounts allows teachers working in multiple platforms to move back and forth without needing to log out and log in again. Handouts are available online in Teaching Strategies GOLD and on the Child Assessment web page.*

### ◆ **Will any technology , printer ink or funding for such items be provided by OEL?**

*The Office of Early Learning is not funding anything beyond subscriptions.*

### ◆ **Does all documentation have to be uploaded into the online system?**

*No, documentation can be stored on paper or in another platform. There should be documentation to support levels entered into GOLD.*

### ◆ **When will the first checkpoint be due?**

*The first checkpoint due date to the Office of Early Learning is in AP-3 of 2015-2016 for most providers this is in the spring of 2015-2016. For those providers graduating two classes of VPK per year please follow your schedule for AP-3*

## Office of Early Learning VPK-GOLD Initiative & The “Strong Minds GOLD Program” ... continued

### ◆ **How will this data be use by OEL?**

*For the first two years of working in GOLD for the Office of Early Learning the data will not be use for decision making purposes. In 2017-2018 school year it's possible that the data will be use to formulate school readiness rates.*

### ◆ **Why are the VPK GOLD checkpoint dates different then what is automatically set by TSG?**

*The office of Early Learning has customized checkpoint due dates to fit their preferred schedule.*

### ◆ **Can OEL provide documentation for private providers or teachers using their own cell phones or laptops for documentation for tax write offs as “used for job”?**

*The Office of Early Learning has a policy which prohibits the use of personal devices for working on the VPK GOLD online system, this includes the GOLD app. Only provider purchase devices are allowed to be use for VPK GOLD.*

### ◆ **Why Teaching Strategies GOLD and VPK assessment?**

*According to the office of Early Learning, the GOLD assessment provides a balance to the VPK assessment because the GOLD occurs every day and the VPK assessment only takes a certain point throughout the school year.*

### ◆ **What is Interrater Reliability and when is it due?**

*Interrater Reliability or IRR is an online certification which ensures that teachers are entering reliable and accurate levels into the online system. All lead VPK teachers are expected to complete the IRR certification process no later than fall 2016.*

### ◆ **How do I add classes and children within GOLD?**

*Information about classes and children that are enter into the Bright Beginnings system will be automatically transferred to Teaching Strategies GOLD.*

Further Questions??? Call—866-447-1159



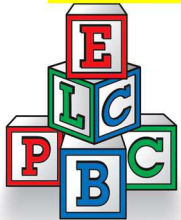
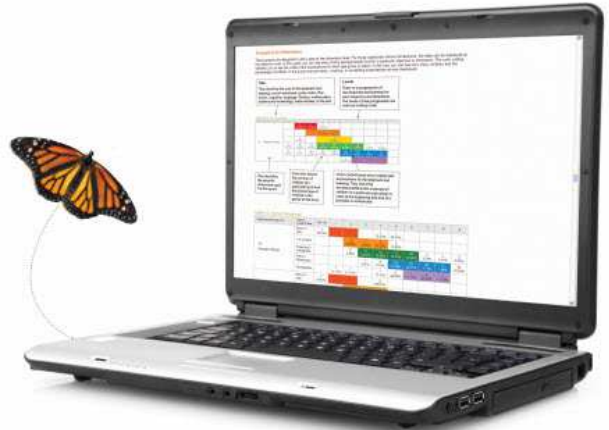
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