Using the BEST Literacy Screener

This screener was developed to help programs determine if a student should be pre-tested with the *BEST Literacy Test*. If you are registering a beginning-level student who is not literate in his/her native language or who speaks a language that does not use the Roman alphabet, you may want to use the screener.

If a student cannot complete all the items on the screener, **do not** administer the *BEST Literacy*. Comprehensibility of written information, not 100% accuracy, is acceptable, as described below.

Name: First and last names must be provided (print or script acceptable)

Address: Street number and street name must be provided; misspellings are acceptable.

City: Misspellings are acceptable if comprehensible.

Date: Any date written in numbers or words acceptable, in any order (i.e., month or date may appear first). Misspellings of month are acceptable if comprehensible.

Signature: Printing, cursive or initials are acceptable.

If any of the above five items are not acceptable according to the guidelines provided, date the form and indicate that the student could not test and place him/her in a beginning literacy class. Put the form in the student folder and record a 0 score for the *BEST Literacy* on DAISI for the pre-test. The screener can only be used once and the student will take the *BEST Literacy* (Form B, C or D) as the post-test.

If the student completes the entire form correctly, then administer the BEST Literacy. The screener will help programs save time and cut down on the cost of the test booklet.

NOTE: If a student is not able to complete the form with reasonable accuracy, do not administer the *BEST Literacy Test.* Enter a score of 0 (zero) into DAISI. The *BEST Literacy Test* must be given as a post-test.

Program Use ONLY

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____