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Thursday, October 5, 2023 – State Assessment Overview			
Register Link	Session	Time	Topic Focus
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 1	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Introduction to STC Workshop Series</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to engage in the STC Workshop and where to find resources.</li> <li>Overview of the current testing landscape in Montana</li> <li>STC Bootcamp Course</li> <li>Using past district testing plans</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 2	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>User Roles and Responsibilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STC role and responsibilities</li> <li>Other user roles and responsibilities</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 3	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Testing Systems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test delivery portals and corresponding assessments</li> <li>Creating structures for easy access to portals</li> <li>Controlling access to portals</li> <li>School system access set-up</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 4	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Establishing Student Need to Determine Eligibility and Participation Expectations in Assessments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies and procedures for participation in state assessments</li> <li>Student eligibility for testing</li> <li>Participation criteria for Alternate Assessments</li> <li>Participation criteria for English Language Learners</li> <li>Non-participation</li> </ul>
	Office Hours	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Open time for breakout sessions for questions about today’s sessions (continuation of Session 4)

Friday, October 6, 2023 – Targeted Assistance			
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<a href="#">[Schedule Link]</a>	Targeted Assistance	7:30 AM-10:30	Use the link to schedule individual time with the OPI Assessment Team for questions and help.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – Targeted Assistance			
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Thursday, October 12, 2023 – Assessment Administration			
Register Link	Session	Time	Topic Focus
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 5	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Assessment Setup and Preparation by Test Delivery System for Smarter Balanced, MSA, AMSA, and ACT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before, during, and after assessment activities for assessments in the Montana Testing Portal (SBA, MSA, &amp; AMSA)</li> <li>Registering a school and students to test</li> <li>Successful ACT preparation and administration</li> <li>Planning aids and resources</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 6	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Assessment Setup and Preparation Needs by Test Delivery System for MSAA and ACCESS for ELs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before, during, and after assessment activities for the MSAA and ACCESS tests</li> <li>Planning aids and resources</li> <li>Non-participation procedures for alternate assessments</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 7	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Student Supports and Accommodations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</li> <li>Ensuring inclusion to the fullest extent for special population students (IEP/504/English Learners)</li> <li>Montana's Three Tiers of Accessibility for All Learners</li> <li>District review and test setting setup</li> <li>Helping students gain comfort and familiarity with the testing systems</li> <li>Resources and tools available for practice</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 8	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>Communication with Score Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice requirements</li> <li>Privacy risks</li> <li>Providing timely access to school results</li> <li>Strategies for delivering score reports</li> </ul>
	Office Hours	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Open time for breakout sessions for questions about today’s sessions (continuation of Session 8)

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<a href="#">[Schedule Link]</a>	Targeted Assistance	7:30 AM-10:30	Use the link to schedule individual time with the OPI Assessment Team for questions and help.

Monday, October 16, 2023 – Targeted Assistance			
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<a href="#">[Schedule Link]</a>	Targeted Assistance	7:30 AM-10:30	Use the link to schedule individual time with the OPI Assessment Team for questions and help.



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Thursday, October 26, 2023 – Testing Plans & Security			
Register Link	Session	Time	Topic Focus
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 9	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Overview of Testing Plans and Establishing Critical Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State and federal requirements for each testing plan</li> <li>Critical partners</li> <li>Building a team</li> <li>Educating the district on student assessments</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 10	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Creating Testing Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating district testing plans</li> <li>Specific documentation examples for each testing plan</li> <li>Appropriate evidence for districts of all sizes</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 11	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Monitoring, Tracking Completion, and Test Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring active monitoring during test sessions</li> <li>Local monitoring resources</li> <li>OPI site monitoring</li> <li>Tracking assessment completion</li> <li>Testing incident examples and process</li> </ul>
<a href="#">[Register Link]</a>	Session 12	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<b>MontCAS Application and Continuous Improvement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Assessment Collections in the MontCAS Application and Continuous Improvement Processes</li> <li>Responsibilities within the MontCAS Application</li> <li>Instructions and timeline for completing each task</li> <li>Finding or corrective action in a school system</li> <li>Collections for state assessment and schedule of events</li> </ul>
	Office Hours	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Open time for breakout sessions for questions about today’s sessions (continuation of Session 12)

Friday, October 27, 2023 – Targeted Assistance			
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<a href="#">[Schedule Link]</a>	Targeted Assistance	7:30 AM-10:30	Use the link to schedule individual time with the OPI Assessment Team for questions and help.

Monday, October 30, 2023 – Targeted Assistance			
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<a href="#">[Schedule Link]</a>	Targeted Assistance	7:30 AM-10:30	Use the link to schedule individual time with the OPI Assessment Team for questions and help.

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