

TEIS

EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT

What Parents Need to Know

TEIS is making changes to how we assess children on an ongoing basis. We will use the Battelle Developmental Inventory, 3rd edition (BDI-3) for eligibility, ongoing assessment, and federal Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) data reporting.

Your child will be evaluated using the BDI-3 at the following intervals:

At referral to determine initial eligibility for TEIS.

If your child was eligible based on prematurity without exhibiting developmental delays, your child will be evaluated upon their 2nd birthday for continued eligibility.

Annually prior to the annual IFSP review meeting.

At every major milestone in your child's early intervention journey if more than four months have passed since the child's last evaluation.

Major milestones include:

- 3rd birthday
- At child's exit, regardless of age

The purpose of these evaluations is to provide:

Regular information to you and TEIS about your child's progress, using the same assessment, from beginning to the end of your child's journey

IFSP teams with information to support decisions around service-delivery

TEIS with information needed to report federally required Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) data

Information at your child's 3rd birthday to support decision-making around the TEIS extended option

These evaluations will be conducted by an evaluator who specializes in the BDI-3. TEIS contracts with one agency in each grand region of the state for this service:

East TN: Signal Centers

Middle TN: Milestones (Tennessee Tech University)

West TN: Therapy & Learning Center, Inc. (West TN Healthcare)

There is no cost to families for these evaluations, and your insurance will not be billed.

If your child already has an active IFSP, a BDI-3 will be completed prior to your next annual IFSP or milestone.

The results of these evaluations will be shared with you at IFSP meetings or by TEIS staff.

Please reach out to your service coordinator or local TEIS office with any questions.

The figure on the back of this page shows the tasks the TEIS Point of Entry (POE) office, eligibility evaluation agency (EEA), and service providers (EIRA/IFSP Service Providers) will complete to support your child and family in the assessment process.

TEIS

- Add evaluation to the IFSP
- Invite members to the IFSP meeting
- Determine eligibility
- Share eligibility decision with the family
- Conduct IFSP meeting
- Complete family assessment

EIRA

- Provide developmental therapy
- Evaluate effectiveness of service delivery utilizing agency specific methods
- Provide SC with information about child's progress toward IFSP goals
- Attend IFSP meeting in person or by report

Support The Child

EEA

- Secure consent for evaluation
- Obtain parent signature on releases
- Administer the BDI
- Conduct intake & hearing/vision screenings
- Enter evaluations into TEIDS
- Attend IFSP meeting in person or by report

Family

- Work with team to develop goals and choose services
- Participate in early intervention services, working towards goal completion/resolution
- Advocate for child's needs to the IFSP team