

Tennessee's Early Intervention System
(TEIS) Information and Guidance (IAG)

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Once deemed eligible for early intervention, a child's eligibility continues until the age of three years unless a member of the team has information to support the need for re-evaluation for eligibility. If a member of the IFSP team questions a child's eligibility status, they will bring their concerns to the child's service coordinator so that an IFSP review meeting can be scheduled to discuss whether or not there is a need to evaluate for continued eligibility.

Should there be a question regarding a child's continued eligibility, it will be necessary for the eligibility team to complete the entire eligibility process utilizing the BDI-2. A re-evaluation is considered when a child may no longer meet eligibility requirements for TEIS due to the following:

- Substantial progress in development is indicated by service log entries and/or ongoing assessments; or
- Changes in the child's diagnosed physical or mental condition are such that the child's current condition or status is no longer considered to have a probability of developmental delay.

Use the exit reason **618-Completion of IFSP/no longer requires services** when the child has been determined no longer eligible for TEIS. All eligibility components have been completed when using this 618 exit reason.

If this exit reason is used and the child is later re-referred into the system, then eligibility will be re-determined.

Information above stated can be found in the *Operations Manual for Field Staff*, Revised 2017, page 40.