



Arizona Early Intervention Program Technical Assistance Bulletin

IDEA Part C Federal Regulations

[Section 303.420\(a\)\(2\)](#) Parental consent and ability to decline services. (a) The lead agency must ensure parental consent is obtained before—(2) All evaluations and assessments of a child are conducted under [§303.321](#).

AzEIP Policy

3.7.2 AzEIP ensures the family provides written consent to conduct the child assessment prior to conducting the assessment.

3.10.10 An annual assessment must be conducted before or during the annual Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting and sufficiently comprehensive to develop a summary of the child's present levels of development for the annual IFSP. The annual assessment must meet the following requirements:

- A. Consent to conduct the child assessment must be obtained prior to conducting the child assessment.
- B. Consent to conduct the family assessment must be obtained prior to conducting the family assessment.

AzEIP Procedure

3.12.3 Prior to the annual Child and Family Assessment discussion, the service coordinator obtains the parent's consent for assessment on the Consent for Child Assessment form.

7.7.3 All consent decisions must be made in writing by the parent.



To:
Service Providing Agencies,
Service Coordinators, and
Early Intervention Providers



Date: December
2024

Subject:



Consent for Assessment

Purpose

To notify Service Providing Agencies that the Consent for Assessment form:

- Replaces the Consent for Child Assessment.
- Is used to identify any assessment instruments that will be completed.
- Must be signed by the parent before any assessments are conducted.



AzEIP Clarification and Guidance

A parent's informed written consent is required before conducting all child and/or family assessments. After AzEIP eligibility has been determined and in accordance with protocol guidelines, the provider uses their clinical expertise to identify the most appropriate assessment instrument* to assess a child's development and gather more detailed information to aid in the development of the:

- Child and Family Assessment.
- Child Indicators Summary.
- Child and/or family IFSP outcomes.
- Quarterly Progress Reports.

AzEIP highly recommends the use of an evidence-based assessment tool to determine present levels of development in conjunction with the Child and Family Assessment:

- When a child qualifies for AzEIP based on an established condition and has not had a multidisciplinary evaluation.
- Prior to each annual IFSP.
- Any time the IFSP team which includes the parent identifies the need to support the child and family in meeting their outcomes.

Each assessment instruments that is proposed to be completed must be listed in the Consent for Assessment form so that the parent can make an informed decision.

The signed Consent for Assessment is valid for each of the specified assessment instruments for one year from the date of the parent's signature on the form or until the parent revokes their consent in writing, whichever comes first.

*AzEIP has removed the restriction of using an AzEIP approved assessment instrument. Clinicians are to use their expertise to identify the most appropriate evidenced-based assessment instrument.



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