

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS REGARDING IDEA 2011 NEW REGULATIONS

Procedural Safeguards and Transition

Does the service coordinator have to provide prior written notice or obtain consent for assessment for 6-month reviews or just annual Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP)?

Prior Written Notice (PWN) is never required for a child or family assessment. PWN is only required when proposing or refusing to identify (screen), evaluate, determine eligibility, or provide early intervention services.

Consent is required for the initial and the annual child assessment. Consent is not required if The Child and Family Assessment Guide for Families is used for the 6-month or other IFSP reviews or updates to a current IFSP.

As the IFSP includes the Child and Family Assessment pages, is it necessary to complete another assessment like the DAYC or HELP? If the DAYC or the HELP is used, is consent required?

As discussed in the Assessment webinar, the Child and Assessment pages of the IFSP are the approved assessment tools and documentation for conducting child and family assessments.

AzEIP does not require the use of tools, such as the DAYC and HELP, for ongoing assessment. If you choose to use the DAYC or HELP in addition to the Child and Family Assessment pages, you do not obtain a separate Consent for Child Assessment.

What is the purpose of the Transition Conference and the IFSP Transition Planning meeting, and can they be combined?

The purpose of the Transition Conference is to revise the preliminary transition plan developed at the most recent IFSP meeting and provide the family with information about the early childhood programs they identified as having an interest in. With consent of the parent, representatives of those early childhood programs are invited to the Transition Conference. The purpose of the IFSP Transition Planning meeting is to develop the transition plan, which is documented on the IFSP. The plan outlines the steps necessary to support the family and child with successful transition out of early intervention.

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The Transition Conference and the IFSP Transition Planning Meeting may be combined. Whether the meetings are combined depends upon a number of factors, including the date of the initial IFSP meeting (e.g., if a late referral to AzEIP) and/or the individual preference of the family.