



Beyond Bubbles and Blocks:

Tips for MA EI Home Visitors



Did you know?

How do we measure our Federal Family Outcomes? In MA they are measured by using the NCSEAM Family Survey. These Surveys measure how well participation in Early Intervention helps families to know their rights, effectively communicate their children's needs and help their children develop and grow. The Family Survey is how MA gathers the data that is reported to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

October and March are NCSEAM Family Survey months. Please be sure to distribute surveys to your families...when you distribute them let families know this is an opportunity to give feedback. The information gathered through the survey is helpful for both your program and the Mass. EI system.

"This is a wonderfully useful app. The milestone checklist with photo/video descriptions and the appointment reminders are awesome. It even allows you to make note and email/print out milestones met and your personal notes for the doctor visit" Parent review of the app

Tips and Techniques...

Have you used CDC milestone tracker app resource with parents? The CDC milestone tracker is an app that allows parents to track their child's milestones from age 2 months to 5 years with CDC's easy-to-use illustrated checklists; get tips from CDC for encouraging their child's development; and find out what to do if parents are ever concerned about how their child is developing.

The app allows parents to add children, keep track of doctor's appointments and recommended developmental screenings. It also has photos and videos of each milestone for parents to view for better understanding. The app also has a milestone summary feature allowing parent to send doctors and other care providers a summary of the child's milestones. This is a great resource to share with grandparents and families transitioning out to EI.

Evaluation/ Assessment tip



Have you consider how you are preparing parents for the BDI-2 items administered using interview procedure?

We often prepare parents for the structured procedure items but sometimes forget to prepare them for what to expect with the interview procedure. Try the following tips next time you prepare a parent for the BDI-2 it may help you with your fidelity of administration:

- Let parents know what to expect.
- Remind them about ceilings and that some of the questions you will ask you do not expect the child to perform.
- Tell the parents you are going to ask a series of questions.
- Remind them that questions build upon one another and may sound similar.
- Let them know that the test instructs you to ask the questions stated in the domain books.
- Remind them to answer with the most accurate information based on what their child does currently.

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