

# Babies Can't Wait Program

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## ACTION BULLETIN

### Requirements for Use of the Child Outcome Summary Form

The Child Outcome Summary Form (COSF) developed by NECTAC- ECO Center is used to assess and report child progress in accordance with federal Part C performance Indicator 3 at initial entry into Babies Can't Wait and at exit for all children who are enrolled for at least six months. (See attached.)

The initial COSF ratings are to be determined by one or more of the initial evaluators who participate in the initial eligibility evaluation or program planning assessment for each eligible child upon enrollment in Babies Can't Wait. In determining COSF ratings, evaluators will use the Decision Tree developed by the NECTAC-ECO Center (attached). Information from an approved five domain evaluation/assessment tool (examples: AEPS, Hawaii Early Learning Profile, Carolina Curriculum or other approved instrument) is used as the reference for typical child development in conjunction with the Decision Tree. In addition the following sources of information can be considered in determining COSF ratings: input from service coordinators, parent report, Crosswalks developed by the NECTAC-ECO Center, other approved evaluation/assessment tools, observation and informed clinical opinion.

The exit COSF ratings should be determined by the Primary Service Provider, other IFSP team member or the Early Interventionist/ Early Intervention Specialist with input from the service coordinator, family, childcare personnel, or others who are involved in a child's life. In determining COSF ratings the provider will use the Decision Tree developed by the NECTAC-ECO Center. Information from an approved five domain evaluation/assessment tool is used as the reference for typical child development in conjunction with the Decision Tree. Additional information from Crosswalks developed by the NECTAC-ECO Center, other approved evaluation/assessment tools, observation and informed clinical opinion can be considered in determining exit COSF ratings.

COSF ratings are a tool for collecting and reporting child progress data in accordance with federal PART C performance Indicator 3. Sharing COSF ratings with parents is not required.