



Families and the Child Outcome Summary



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The child outcome summary process

The Child Outcome Summary (COS) collects data on the progress children make in early supports. Summary information about the three outcomes will be gathered at the time of your child's entry and exit from early support services.



WHAT ARE THE THREE KEY OUTCOMES?

Tracking the outcomes

- Positive social-emotional skills and social relationships
- Acquiring and using knowledge and skills
- Use of appropriate behaviors to meet needs



WHO DECIDES ON THE PROGRESS?

The value of parents and caregivers

Early support services recognize that parents and other caregivers are the primary teachers of young children. Parents are always encouraged to be involved. Parents know their children best. We need their input.



HOW IS THE SUMMARY INFORMATION USED?

Measuring quality of early support services

The summary information tells your local program and state Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) team how early support services make a difference for infants, toddlers, and families; support ESIT with improving services; and provides data for the state's Annual Performance Report (APR). The APR is available to the public.



IS MY CHILD'S INFORMATION PROTECTED?

Data privacy is priority

Yes, your child's information is protected. Only the summary data will be reported. Your name and your child's name will not be attached to the summary information that is reported. We use these data to show how well early support services work.

