

Protocol for Children Referred to Children and Family and Family Services from Infant Toddler Program Without a Screening

The Idaho Infant Toddler Program has the following options to determine a child's need for early intervention services following referral from Children and Family Services (CFS) under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act:

- Screen a child when specific concerns are not evident, or
- Complete a full developmental evaluation when indicated.

The 45 day timeline from referral to Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development remains in effect for all eligible children. In order to expedite eligibility determinations and access services, professionals conducting screening should be prepared to conduct an evaluation if necessary.

The following guidelines apply upon referral from CFS:

- Using professional discretion, regional Infant Toddler Programs have the option to complete a developmental screening (including a strong social-emotional component) rather than a full evaluation.
- If there are concerns identified by the family or CFS worker at the time of referral, a multidisciplinary evaluation must be completed.
- If a region completes a screening (including a strong social-emotional component) at the time of referral, and results indicate developmental concerns, an evaluation must be completed by the region to determine eligibility.

The multidisciplinary evaluation and IFSP must be completed within 45 days from referral.

- If a region chooses to complete a screening (including a strong social-emotional component) and results indicate no developmental concerns, the child should be referred for developmental monitoring through the Child Find program.
- Upon parent request, an evaluation of the child must be completed even if results of the screening indicate no developmental concerns.

Refer to section Birth to Three Mandatory Referral Standard for additional information.