



Culturally Responsive Assessments

Culturally responsive practice is an essential component of quality family-centered services. Early intervention practitioners should seek to understand the cultures of the families they serve. In addition to race and ethnicity, families' cultures may include socioeconomic backgrounds, origins, beliefs, child-rearing practices, and other factors unique to each family. Participation-based assessments create opportunities to better understand the child's strengths, interests, and capabilities within the context of their family.

Culturally responsive assessments...

- Involve families as active decision-makers. Include gathering information about the family's culture, priorities, expectations, and daily activities.
- Occur in the preferred language of the family.
- Result in outcomes that match the family's priorities and real-life routines.

Examining your practices in light of the cultural norms of the family can help you conduct a culturally responsive assessment.