# Using the Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC) 

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This module is designed for those who use the Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC) as part of early intervention.

To complete the activities in this module, you will need a copy of the five DAYC subtests, the Profile/Examiner Summary Sheet, and the DAYC Examiner's Manual.

## Learning Objectives

Following review of this module and completion of recommended activities, participants will be able to:

- discuss the use of the DAYC in the Philadelphia Early Intervention system.
- identify the components of the DAYC.
- calculate a child's chronological age in order to establish the start point for administering the DAYC.
- find the basal and ceiling in order to calculate DAYC raw scores.
- convert raw scores into age equivalents, percentiles, standard deviations, and determine the child's DAYC results in relation to his or her chronological age
- summarize and apply DAYC results in the MDE/IFSP form.



## What is the DAYC?

The DAYC consists of five subtests

- Cognition
- Communication
- Social-Emotional
- Physical Development
- Adaptive Behavior

It is designed for children from birth through 5 years and 11 months of age. The five subtests relate to the areas of development that are evaluated for early intervention eligibility and children's developmental performance in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

## Why do we use the DAYC in Philadelphia (birth to 5)?

Philadelphia Early Intervention is divided into two systems: MRS (birth -3) and Elwyn (3-5). In order to provide consistency in determining eligibility across the city and across age levels, and to provide a smoother transition between the two systems when children turn three, MRS and Elwyn established a policy that both systems would use the Developmental Assessment for Young Children (Voress and Maddox, 1998).

Children entering the system before 2.6 years of age have an initial evaluation performed using the Infant Toddler Developmental Assessment (Provence, Erikson, Vater \& Palmeri, 1995). Children 2.6 years and older receive an initial evaluation using the DAYC. All annual evaluations use the DAYC.
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## What is the DAYC designed to do?

The DAYC is used to

- Identify typical and atypical developmental abilities
- Determine specific developmental strengths
- Document progress in attaining developmental milestone skills

No specific testing materials are used with the DAYC. Since children often exhibit different behaviors during a formal evaluation, the DAYC is designed to be completed through observation in the child's natural setting. This provides a more accurate assessment of the child's skills. If certain skills are not observed, primary caregivers can be interviewed to gain the information. A variety of materials in the child's natural environment are helpful as the DAYC is administered (see listing on next page).

Important reminders:

- If you know that the child's environment does not contain items that you will need, then it is necessary to bring them with you. The key is to keep the feel of the setting as informal as possible.
- Do not go item by item through the test. You should have a sense of what you are looking for by studying the items beforehand. Incorporate opportunities for the child to demonstrate skills that you need to observe into your play with the child, observations and caregiver interview.
- For those skills that require the examiner to work directly with the child, join the child's play and introduce items or games that fit into the child's natural play activity.


## Resources in the DAYC Examiner's Manual

Please read your agency's copy of the DAYC Examiner's Manual for further information.

## SUGGESTED TOYS AND BOOKS FOR ADMINISTERING THE DAYC

Toys

## Books

Microphone
Blocks
Crayons and paper
Carrot Seed
What Happens Next?
Scissors
Sorting bears with cups
Pop up toys
Nesting cups
Shape sorter
Puzzles (interlocking and knob)
Stacking ring
Baby dolls
Pretend food
Bubbles
Rhyming activity games
Broken toy
Sorting activity
Sequence cards
Large and small ball
Toy telephone
Dressing vest/doll
Stringing beads (multiple sizes)
Cars/trucks (multiple sizes)
Matching cards rattle
Cloths
Mirror


## What do I do first when using the DAYC?

The first step in administering the DAYC is to establish the child's chronological age. The child's date of birth is subtracted from the date of testing in order to determine his or her chronological age. The resulting chronological age is used to establish the starting point on each subtest.

Example:

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 2004 | 65 | $12+30=42$ |
| Date of Birth | 2002 | 2 | 29 |
| Chronological Age | 2 | 3 | 13 |

When the day of the child's testing (in this example, 12) is smaller than the day of the child's birth (in this example, 29), then you subtract one month and add 30 days to the testing date before you calculate chronological age. This child is 27 months old.

## Example:

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 20043 | $2+12=14$ | 11 |
| Date of Birth | 2002 | 8 | 3 |
| Chronological Age | 1 | 6 | 8 |

If the month of the child's birth (in this example, 8 ) is larger than the month of testing (in this example, 2), then you subtract one year and add 12 months to the testing date before you calculate chronological age. This child is 18 months old.

## Example:

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | $2004 / 3$ | $\not / 2+12=14$ | $5+30=35$ |
| Date of Birth | 2001 | 7 | 15 |
| Chronological Age | 2 | 7 | 20 |

There will be times when you have to borrow from both the year and the month of the testing date before you calculate chronological age. This child is 31 months old.

Space is provided to calculate the child's chronological age on the Profile/Examiner Summary Sheet and on the cover sheet of each of the subtests. The following illustrates Section I: Identifying Information with the chronological age information.


## Practice Opportunity

Complete Worksheet A on the next page to practice calculating a child's chronological age.


## WORKSHEET A

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 2004 | 10 | 15 |
| Date of Birth | 2003 | 5 | 7 |
| Chronological Age |  |  |  |

1) Child is $\qquad$ months old.

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 2004 | 11 | 15 |
| Date of Birth | 2003 | 1 | 17 |
| Chronological Age |  |  |  |

2) Child is $\qquad$ months old.

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 2004 | 3 | 17 |
| Date of Birth | 2003 | 5 | 4 |
| Chronological Age |  |  |  |

3) Child is $\qquad$ months old.

|  | Year | Month | Day |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date of Testing | 2004 | 8 | 9 |
| Date of Birth | 2001 | 11 | 15 |
| Chronological Age |  |  |  |

4) Child is $\qquad$ months old.

5) 17 months
6) 21 months
7) 10 months
8) 32 months

## What are Entry Points, Ceilings and Basals?

## Entry point: Designates where to start the assessment.

Open up one of the subtests. Before the first scoring item you will see Start Age: Birth. As you look through the list of items you will also find Start Age: 12 months, Start Age: 24 months, Start Age: 36 months, and Start Age 48 months. Select the start age that is closest to, but not older than, the child's chronological age. The item listed immediately following this "Start Age" is where you will begin the assessment. As an example, for a 22 month old child, the DAYC subtest administration begins at Start Age: 12 months.

The score is given based on skills demonstrated during play. It's important to try to score DAYC items based on observation of the child's play and minimize the need to ask parents if the child is able to perform specific skills. When a child performs the skill, place a 1 next to the item. When the skill is not observed during play, ask the parent if the child can accomplish the performance. When the parent reports that the child performs the skill, record a 1 ; when parent reports the child doesn't perform the skill, place a 0 next to the item.

Ceiling: Designates the point where a child is no longer able to perform the skills in the entry point age range.

The ceiling is designated by scores of zero on 3 out of 5 consecutive items. Write down the scores as you proceed through the list of items, and watch for the ceiling.

Basal: Designates the point where a child is able to perform all skills in the entry point age range.

Once the ceiling is established, go back and find the basal. Three consecutive items, each with a score of 1 represent the basal. If you go back to the starting point of the subtest and still do not have a basal, then you need to work backwards and score the items listed for the previous age range until three consecutive items are scored with 1's, or until you've scored all of the subtest's remaining items.

> For example:

Administration started at item 20 and the ceiling ( 3 zeros over 5 consecutive items) was reached at item 34. However, within this range of all items administered there was no sequence of three items in a row that were scored with 1's.

In this case, the evaluator needs to score item 19 , item 18 , item 17 and so on until there are three 1 's in a row, or until item \#1 on the subtest has been administered.
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Item \# } & \text { Score } \\ \hline 20 & 1 \\ \hline 21 & 1 \\ \hline 22 & 0 \\ \hline 23 & 1 \\ \hline 24 & 1 \\ \hline 25 & 0 \\ \hline 26 & 1 \\ \hline 27 & 1 \\ \hline 28 & 0 \\ \hline 29 & 1 \\ \hline 30 & 1 \\ \hline 31 & 0 \\ \hline 32 & 1 \\ \hline 33 & 0 \\ \hline 35 & 0 \\ \hline\end{array}\right\}$

## Computing the Raw Score:

1. Note the item number at the end of the basal (the third consecutive item that was scored with 1 point). This item number is the start of the raw score computation.
2. The points scored after the basal and through to the end of the ceiling are totaled. Note: Any l's that follow the ceiling range are NOT counted.
3. Add these two numbers and you have the child's raw score.

## For example:

This child's basal range is items 1, 2 and 3 (all three were scored with a 1). The ceiling range is items 4-8 (3 of these 5 items were scored with a 0).

3 is the start of the raw score computation. Two points were scored on items beyond the basal and through to the end of the ceiling (1 point for each,
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Item \# } & \text { Score } \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 0 \\ \hline 5 & 1 \\ \hline 6 & 1 \\ \hline 7 & 0 \\ \hline 8 & 0 \\ \hline 9 & \\ \hline\end{array}\right\}$ items \#5 and \#0). These two numbers are added $(3+2)$, making the child's raw score $=5$.

## Learning Activity

Study the examples on the next two pages to get a clearer picture of how basals and ceilings are established and how raw scores are calculated.

If there are several basals and/or several ceilings, select the basal and the ceiling that are closest together.

For example:
This child's ceiling is items \#33-37. There are several series of three consecutive items in which one point was scored (items 20-22, 21-23, 22-24, 26-28, 27-29, 28-30, 29-31 and 30-32). The basal that's closest to the ceiling is used to compute raw score points.

The end of the basal is at item \#32. When computing the raw score, this child's starting score is 32 , even though item \#25 was scored as 0 . (Note: any items before the basal are counted as " 1 ," even if the child received a zero rating). After the basal range, there are two 1's scored through item \# 37 (end of the ceiling) so the raw score equals $34(32+2)$.
\(\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline Item \# \& Score <br>
\hline 20 \& 1 <br>
\hline 21 \& 1 <br>
\hline 22 \& 1 <br>
\hline 23 \& 1 <br>
\hline 24 \& 1 <br>
\hline 25 \& 0 <br>
\hline 26 \& 1 <br>
\hline 27 \& 1 <br>
\hline 28 \& 1 <br>
\hline 29 \& 1 <br>
\hline 30 \& 1 <br>
\hline 31 \& 1 <br>
\hline 32 \& 1 <br>
\hline 33 \& 0 <br>
\hline 34 \& 1 <br>
\hline 35 \& 1 <br>
\hline 36 \& 0 <br>
\hline 37 \& 0 <br>

\hline\end{array}\right\}\)| ت/ |
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The same scoring procedure applies when the basal and the ceiling are not immediately next to each other.

For example:
Item \#12 marks the end of the basal, so 12 is the start of the child's raw score computation. After the basal, 5 points are counted ) through the ceiling range (items \#14, 16, 17, 19, 20. The child's raw score is $17(12+5)$.

| Item \# | Score |
| :--- | :--- |
| 10 | 1 |
| 11 | 1 |
| 12 | 1 |
| 13 | 0 |
| 14 | 1 |
| 15 | 0 |
| 16 | 1 |
| 17 | 1 |
| 18 | 0 |
| 19 | 1 |
| 20 | 1 |
| 21 | 0 |
| 22 | 0 |
| 23 |  |



Scoring procedures are the same when the basal and ceiling overlap.

For example:
Item \#3 marks the end of the basal. After the basal, 1 additional point is counted through the end of the ceiling (item \# 5). The child's raw score is $4(3+1)$.

When there is no basal range in a subtest after all of items back to item \#1 have been administered, the points on all items are totaled through the end of the ceiling range. The resulting sum is the child's raw score.

For example:
The ceiling is items \#10-14. There is no point in the ceiling or in items previous to the ceiling where three consecutive items were scored with 1 point, so this subtest does not have a basal. To compute the child's raw score, all points are counted through the ceiling range.

The child's raw score is 7 (1 point each for items \# 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11).
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Item \# } & \text { Score } \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 0 \\ \hline 5 & 1 \\ \hline 6 & 1 \\ \hline 7 & 0 \\ \hline 8 & 1 \\ \hline 9 & 0 \\ \hline 10 & 1 \\ \hline 11 & 1 \\ \hline 12 & 0 \\ \hline 13 & 0 \\ \hline 14 & 0 \\ \hline\end{array}\right\}$

## Practice Opportunity

Complete Worksheet B on the next page to practice finding basals, ceilings and raw scores. These subtest examples are for a child who is 19 months old.

| Worksheet B |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Item \# | Example A | Example B | Example C |
| Start age: birth |  |  |  |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 1 |  |  |
| 7 | 1 |  |  |
| 8 | 1 |  |  |
| 9 | 0 |  |  |
| Start age: 12 months |  |  |  |
| 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 19 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Start age: 24 months |  |  |  |
| 20 |  | 1 | 0 |
| 21 |  | 1 | 0 |
| 22 |  | 0 | 1 |
| 23 |  | 0 | 0 |
| 24 |  | 0 | 1 |
| 25 |  | 0 | 0 |
| 26 |  |  | 1 |
| 27 |  |  | 0 |
| 28 |  |  | 0 |
| 29 |  |  | 0 |
| Raw score |  |  |  |



## Example A:

The ceiling is items $11,12,13,14$, and 15 . The basal is items 6,7 , and 8 .
(Note: the basal did not occur between the starting point and the ceiling. The evaluator needed to work backwards through the previous group of items to find the basal.)
$8+3($ one point each for items \# 10, 12 and 13 $)=11$
The raw score is 11 .

## Example B.:

The ceiling is items $19,20,21,22$, and 23 .
The basal is items 13,14 , and 15 .
$15+2($ one point each for items \#20,21) = 19
The raw score is 19 .

## Example C:

The ceiling is $17,18,19,20$, and 21.
The basal is 15,16 , and 17 .
(Note: the basal and ceiling overlap.)
$17+1($ one point for item \#19) $=18$
The raw score is 18 .

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## What are the steps to complete DAYC scoring?

1. Subtest raw scores are recorded on the Profile/Examiner Summary Sheet.
2. Convert raw scores to standard scores:

Go to Appendix A in the Examiner's Manual. Using the table for the appropriate subtest, find the raw score in the first column and look over to the corresponding number under the child's chronological age (listed across the top).
3. Add the total of the standard scores.

Convert Sum of Standard Scores to General Development Quotient using the tables in Appendix B. See page 20 of the Examiner's Manual, Table 4.1 for interpretation of standard scores. For example, a quotient of 76 falls in the 'poor' range.
4. Convert standard scores to percentiles using tables in Appendix C
5. Convert raw scores to age equivalents

Using Appendix D, find the raw score under the appropriate subtest heading (listed across the top of the table) and look over to the corresponding age in the first column.

## Resources in the DAYC Examiner's Manual

- Converting raw scores to standard scores (Appendix A) pages 45-56
- Converting Sum of Standard Scores to General Development Quotient (Appendix B) - pages 57-58
- Converting standard scores to percentiles (Appendix C) pages 59-60
- Converting raw scores to age equivalents (Appendix D) pages 61-63


This child is 22 months old.

|  | Raw Score | Age Equiv | Percentile | Std Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cognitive | 21 | 15 mos . | 12 | 82 |
| Communication | 19 | 11 mos . | 1 | 66 |
| Social-Emotional | 15 | 10 mos . | 2 | 68 |
| Physical Development | 53 | 20 mos . | 37 | 95 |
| Adaptive Behavior | 20 | 15 mos . | 10 | 81 |
| Sum of Standard Scores |  |  |  | 392 |
| General Developmental Quotient |  |  | 5 | 76 |



## What are the important scoring considerations?

1. When the number date of a child's birth is greater than the testing date, subtract one month from the date of testing and add 30 days, then compute the chronological age.
2. When the number of the child's birth month is greater than the number of the test month, subtract one year from the date of testing and add 12 months, then compute the chronological age.
3. To find the entry point for items to be administered, convert the chronological age into months and select the next youngest start age on the Score Sheet.
4. The basal is three items in a row with the score of 1 .
5. The ceiling is 3 out of 5 items in a row with the score of 0 .
6. There can be several basals and ceilings. Always pick the basal and the ceiling that are closest together when computing the raw score. Basals and ceilings can also overlap.
7. When computing raw score points, use the item \# at the end of the basal (the third item that was given 1 point) as your starting score, even if there are 0 's recorded in items before the basal.
8. Once the basal establishes the starting score, only the 1 's are counted until you get through the ceiling range.
9. Stop adding the raw score points once you get through the ceiling, even if there are 1 's after the ceiling.
10. Be sure that you are using the correct conversion table for the subtest you are scoring.


## How do I use DAYC results?

Using this table, you can identify if there are any developmental areas in which a child demonstrates a $25 \%$ delay.

For example:
A 24 month old child who achieves an age equivalent of 18 months or younger in a particular developmental area demonstrates a $25 \%$ or more delay in that area of development.

A 24 month old who achieves an age equivalent of 19 months or greater demonstrates less than a $25 \%$ delay.

| Chronological <br> Age | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ delay |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 month | 1 month |
| 2 months | 2 months |
| 3 months | 3 months |
| 4 months | 3 months |
| 5 months | 4 months |
| 6 months | 5 months |
| 7 months | 6 months |
| 8 months | 7 months |
| 9 months | 8 months |
| 10 months | 8 months |
| 11 months | 9 months |
| 12 months | 11 months |
| 15 months | 14 months |
| 18 months | 16 months |
| 21 months | 18 months |
| 24 months | 21 months |
| 27 months | 23 months |
| 30 months | 25 months |
| 33 months | 27 months |
| 36 months |  |

## Practice Opportunity

Which of the following examples represent a $25 \%$ delay?


| Child's chronological <br> age | DAYC age <br> equivalent | Is this at least <br> a 25\% delay? |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. 11 months | 9 months | Yes | No |
| B. 30 months | 21 months | Yes | No |
| C. 27 months | 22 months | Yes | No |
| D. 18 months | 13 months | Yes | No |



## Learning Activity

The DAYC was administered on May 5, 2006 for Donovan who was born on $4 / 25 / 04$. Use the sample Profile/Examiner Summary Sheet and the 5 subtests included on pages 22-30 of this module:

1. Calculate Donovan's chronological age.
2. Find the basal, ceiling and raw score for each subtest.
3. Place the raw scores on the summary sheet and calculate the rest of the scores (age equivalent, percentile, standard score, and general developmental quotient).
4. Does Donovan have a $25 \%$ of more delay in any areas?


## Section V. Cognitive Subtest

instructions: $\quad$ Starting points are determined by the child's age. Score 1 for those items that the child can do right now, is beginning to do, or did when he or she was younger but has outgrown. Score 0 for those items that the child cannot do.

Basal and Ceiling: Begin at the suggested starting point. Continue items (by observation, interview, or direct administration) until 3 of 5 items receive a score of 0 (i.e., a ceiling). If the child does not receive a score of 1 on 3 consecutive items, administer (by observation, interview, or direct administration) the items in reverse until a basal of 3 scores of 1 is reached.

| Item \# | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Score } \\ & 1 \text { or } 0 \end{aligned}$ | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start Age: Birth |  |  |
| 1 |  | moves hand to mouth |
| 2 |  | watches an object moved slowly through his or her line of sight |
| 3 |  | looks back and forth between 2 objects |
| 4 |  | holds toy placed in hand for 10 to 15 seconds |
| 5 |  | alternatively glances from hand to an object or from one hand to another |
| 6 |  | repeats arm or leg movements to cause an action to occur again (e.g., shakes arm with rattle attached to wrist; kicks leg to move mobile attached to crib) |
| 7 |  | mouths toys |
| 8 |  | explores objects in a variety of ways; visually; turning it around; feeling all surfaces; banging and shaking |
| 9 |  | pulls cloth from face |
| 10 |  | imitates familiar actions after observing caregiver doing that action (e.g., claps hands) |
| 11 |  | finds an object that is partially hidden |
| 12 |  | intentionally drops an object and watches it fall |
| 13 |  | retrieves an object seen hidden under or behind a single barrier |
| 14 |  | touches adult to have that person start or continue interesting game or action |
| Start Age: 12 months |  |  |
| 15 | 1 | transfers an object from one hand to the other to pick up second object |
| 16 | 1 | hands an object to an adult to have that person repeat or start a desired action (e.g., start windup toy) |
| 17 | 1 | imitates scribbling |
| 18 | 0 | demonstrates understanding of functional relationships (e.g., puts person in car and pushes car; combs hair with brush) |
| 19 | 0 | attempts to start toy if he or she has seen someone else make it work (e.g., a windup toy) |
| Start Age: 24 months |  |  |
| 20 | 0 | demonstrates use of everyday items (e.g., pretends to drink from a cup) |
| 21 | 0 | places a small object into small container (e.g., a raisin into a small bottle) |
| 22 | 1 | rolls wheeled toys |
|  |  | Page 2 Total |


| Item \# | Score 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 0 | manages 3 to 4 toys by setting one aside when given a new toy |
| 24 | 1 | looks at storybook pictures with adult, naming or pointing to simple objects upon request |
| 25 | 0 | spontaneously names object |
| 26 | 1 | matches an object to its picture |
| 27 | 0 | sequences related action in play (e.g., feeds doll with bottie, pats it on the back, puts it to bed) |
| 28 | 0 | uses pretend objects in play |
| 29 | 0 | understands concept of "one" (e.g., "Give me one block.") and "all" (e.g., "Give me all the blocks.") |
| Start Age: 36 months |  |  |
| 30 |  | stacks 6 to 7 blocks |
| 31 |  | matches simple shapes, such as circle, square, triangle |
| 32 |  | responds to "one" and "one more" (e.g., "Give me one block." "Give me one more.") |
| 33 |  | puts graduated sizes in order (e.g., nests four boxes or stacks rings on peg in order of size) |
| 34 |  | matches objects by color, shape, and size |
| 35 |  | repeats finger plays with words and actions |
| 36 |  | counts by rote to 5 |
| 37 |  | matches objects that have the same function (e.g., comb and brush) |
| 38 |  | tells if an object is "heavy" or "light" |
| 39 |  | counts up to 5 objects |
| 40 |  | builds bridge using 3 blocks; adult models IT |
| 41 |  | understands "same" and "different" (e.g., "Are these two colors the same or different?") |
| 42 |  | sorts objects by one criterion (Give child pictures or objects across at least two categories-e.g., shape, color-and state, "Put these into groups that are alike.") |
| 43 |  | understands concept of the number 3 (e.g., "Give me three blocks.") |
| 44 |  | understands "more," "less," "same" (e.g., "Which pile has more?") |
| Start Age: 48 months |  |  |
| 45 |  | imitates drawing of a face |
| 46 |  | sorts objects into categories (Give child pictures or objects-e.g., toys, animals-and state, "Put these into groups that are alike."); may not be able to label the categories |
| 47 |  | identifies objects that do not belong in a group (e.g., recognizes that dog does not belong with food items) |
| 48 |  | knows sequence of reading a book, from left to right; top to bottom |
| 49 |  | sorts groups of objects in more than one way (Give child pictures or objects across at least two categoriese.g., color, size, shape-and state, "Put these into groups that are alike. Now sort them in another way.") |
| 50 |  | builds pyramid of 6 blocks; adult models |
| 51 |  | identifies "first," "last," "middle" (e.g., "Point to the child who is first in line.") |
|  |  | Page 3 Total |

## Section Vi. Communication Subtest

Instructions: Starting points are determined by the child's age. Score 1 for those items that the child can do right now, is beginning to do, or did when he or she was younger but has outgrown. Score 0 for those items that the child cannot do.

Basal and Ceiling: Begin at the suggested starting point. Continue to administer items (by observation, interview, or direct administration) until 3 of 5 items receive a score of 0 (i.e., a ceiling). If the child does not receive a score of 1 on 3 consecutive items, administer (by observation, interview, or direct administration) the items in reverse until a basal of 3 scores of 1 is reached.

| Item \# | Score <br> 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start Age: Birth |  |  |
| 1 |  | reacts to loud noise by blinking, moving arms or legs, or stopping movement |
| 2 |  | turns head toward voice when someone speaks to him or her |
| 3 |  | makes noises other than crying (e.g.، cooing, gurgling) |
| 4 |  | smiles at person who is talking or gesturing |
| 5 |  | produces vocal gurgle in response to soothing voice |
| 6 |  | has different cries for pain, hunger, and discomfort |
| 7 |  | produces single vowel sounds (e.g., ah, eh, uh) |
| 8 |  | laughs out loud |
| 9 |  | produces some consonants such as $/ \mathrm{k} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{g} /$, or $/ \mathrm{h} /$ |
| 10 |  | turns and looks toward noise |
| 11 |  | produces two-syllable, one-consonant sound strings repetitively (e.g., a-ba) |
| 12 |  | stops activity when name is called |
| 13 |  | produces consonants such as $/ \mathrm{b} /, / \mathrm{m} /, / \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{d} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{l} / \mathrm{rl} /$ |
| 14 | 1 | responds with appropriate gestures to "up." "bye-bye," or other routines |
| Start Age: 12 months |  |  |
| 15 | 1 | briefly stops activity when told "no" |
| 16 | 1 | produces string of consonants and word-like double consonants (e.g., ba-ba, da-da) |
| 17 | 0 | uses inflection patterns when vocalizing (e.g., raises pitch as if asking a question) |
| 18 | 1 | moves body to music |
| 19 | 0 | says "Mama" or "Dada" discriminately |
| 20 | 0 | locates familiar objects on request (e.g., "Where is your blanket?") |
| 21 | 0 | follows simple spoken commands (e.g., "Give Mommy the cup.") |
| 22 | 1 | when asked, will point to familiar persons, animals, and toys |
| 23 | 0 | responds to "where" questions (e.g., "Where is the ball?") |
|  |  | Page 2 Total |

## Section VI. Social-Emotional Subtest

|  |  | Section V1. Social-Emotional Subtest |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Instructions: |  | Starting points are determined by the child's age. Score 1 for those items that the child can do right now, is beginning to do, or did when he or she was younger but has outgrown. Score 0 for those items that the child cannot do. |
| Basal and Ceiling: |  | Begin at the suggested starting point. Continue to administer items (by observation, interview, or direct administration) until 3 of 5 items receive a score of 0 (i.e., a ceiling). If the child does not receive a score of 1 on 3 consecutive items, administer (by observation, interview, or direct administration) the items in reverse until a basal of 3 scores of 1 is reached. |
| Item \# | Score 1 or 0 | Item |
| Start Age: Birth |  |  |
| 1 |  | stops crying when talked to, picked up, or comforted |
| 2 |  | looks at adult face for several seconds |
| 3 |  | interacts by smiling and cooing |
| 4 |  | recognizes familiar faces and objects (e.g., parent, bottle); reacts by waving arms and legs or squealing with excitement |
| 5 |  | expresses feelings such as anger, tiredness, excitement, or hunger |
| 6 |  | comforts self (i.e., quits fussing by himself or herself) |
| 7 |  | knows the difference between caregivers and strangers (e.g., smiles at loved ones; stares, quiets, or refuses to smile with stranger) |
| 8 |  | plays alone for short periods (i.e., 5 to 10 seconds) |
| 9 |  | when someone calls the child's name, he or she looks at the person and vocalizes |
| Start Age: 12 months |  |  |
| 10 |  | extends arms to familiar persons |
| 11 |  | responds differently to children and aduits |
| 12 |  | imitates facial expressions, actions, and sounds |
| 13 |  | recognizes self in the mirror |
| 14 |  | plays simple games (e.g., peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake) |
| 15 |  | shows anxiety at separation from caregiver (e.g., refusal to explore the environment, crying, searching) |
| 16 |  | expresses affection (e.g., hugging, patting, special looks, resting head) |
| 17 |  | shows special dependence on primary caregiver (e.g., wants only that person to feed, dress, change, and comfort him or her) |
| 18 |  | laughs at incongruous events (e.g., wearing a bowl as a hat) |
| 19 |  | purposefully refuses to comply with requests (e.g., says "no," shaking head) |
| Start Age: 24 months |  |  |
| 20 | 1 | beginning to function on his or her own; may periodically return to the parent for reassurance and attention |
| 21 | 1 | brings toys to share with caregiver |
| 22 | 1 | has difficulty sharing with other children |
|  |  | Page 2 Total |


| Item \# | Score 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 1 | has temper tantrums when frustrated |
| 24 | 0 | insists on trying to do many things without help (e.g., eating with spoon, putting on a coat) |
| 25 | 0 | shows independence (e.g., runs ahead of parent outdoors, refuses to have hand held) |
| 26 | 0 | plays well for brief time in groups of two or three children |
| 27 | 0 | attempts to comfort others in distress (e.g., comforts a child who is hurt or distressed) |
| 28 | 0 | enjoys simple make-believe |
| 29 | 0 | says "please" and "thank you"; may need to be reminded |
| Start Age: 36 months |  |  |
| 30 |  | separates from parent in familiar surroundings without crying |
| 31 |  | sings familiar songs with adult |
| 32 |  | spontaneously greets familiar person by hugging |
| 33 |  | usually takes turns |
| 34 |  | spends most group time in solitary activity, watching other children |
| 35 |  | laughs at combinations of incongruous events and use of words (e.g., milking a dog) |
| 36 |  | asks for assistance when having difficulty |
| 37 |  | shows pride in accomplishments |
| 38 |  | states whether he or she is a boy or a girl |
| 39 |  | plays group games with simple rules |
| Start Age: 48 months |  |  |
| 40 |  | plays dress-up |
| 41 |  | shows off by repeating rhymes, songs, or dances for others |
| 42 |  | talks about own feelings |
| 43 |  | changes from one activity to another when required by teacher or parent |
| 44 |  | selects own friends |
| 45 |  | waits for turn when playing in group games (e.g., red rover, steal the bacon) |
| 46 |  | knows and follows classroom rules |
| 47 |  | gains attention from peers in appropriate ways |
| 48 |  | understands rules of fair play |
| 49 |  | likes competitive games |
| 50 |  | has best friend of same sex |
| 51 |  | explains rules of a game to others |
|  |  | Page 3 Total |

Physical Development Subtest

| Item \# | Score <br> 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 27 |  | uses arms to move forward on belly |
| 28 |  | sits alone steadily, initially with wide base of support |
| 29 |  | stands alone by holding on to something |
| 30 |  | from sitting position, turns 90 degrees to retrieve an object |
| 31 |  | walks 3 or more steps with assistance |
| 32 |  | pulls self to standing position |
| 33 |  | when falling forward, extends arms to catch self |
| 34 |  | bangs 2 objects together |
| Start | : 12 mo |  |
| 35 |  | moves from back to sitting without assistance |
| 36 |  | picks up a small object using thumb and forefinger |
| 37 |  | walks sideways while holding on to furniture |
| 38 |  | scoots toward an object while maintaining sitting position |
| 39 |  | moves from standing to sitting in controlled fashion |
| 40 |  | pokes with index finger |
| 41 |  | walks with one hand held |
| 42 | 1 | pushes or pulls toys while walking |
| 43 | 1 | walks without holding on, may fall easily |
| 44 | 1 | starts and stops in walking |
| Start | : 24 mo |  |
| 45 | 0 | when standing, stoops, then stands again without losing balance |
| 46 | 1 | holds crayon, pencil, and so on, in fist with thumb up |
| 47 | 0 | creeps backward down steps |
| 48 | 1 | squats during play |
| 49 | 0 | runs (may be a hurried walk) |
| 50 | 1 | scribbles spontaneously |
| 51 | 0 | throws a ball overhand with relative accuracy |
| 52 | 0 | walks up and down stairs placing both feet on each step, without assistance |
| 53 | 0 | holds crayon with fingers, hand on top, forearm turned so thumb is directed downward |
| 54 | 0 | uses hand to hold paper in place when drawing |
| Start Age: 36 months |  |  |
| 55 |  | walks backward |
| 56 |  | uses one hand consistently in most activities |
| 57 |  | walks up stairs, alternating feet, in adult fashion while holding on |
|  |  | Page 3 Total |

## Section VI. Adaptive Behavior Subtest

Instructions: $\quad$ Starting points are determined by the child's age. Score 1 for those items that the child can do right now, is beginning to do, or did when he or she was younger but has outgrown. Score 0 for those items that the child cannot do.

Basal and Ceiling: Begin at the suggested starting point. Continue to administer items (by observation, interview, or direct administration) until 3 of 5 items receive a score of $O$ (i.e., a ceiling). If the child does not receive a score of 1 on 3 consecutive items, administer (by observation, interview, or direct administration) the items in reverse until a basal of 3 scores of 1 is reached.

| Item \# | Score 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Start Age: Birth |  |  |
| 1 |  | enjoys bath; keeps eyes open and indicates pleasure when placed in warm water |
| 2 |  | opens mouth and sticks out tongue in anticipation of feeding (sight of breast or bottle) |
| 3 |  | expresses displeasure when clothes are pulled over head |
| 4 |  | sleeps for 4- to 10-hour intervals |
| 5 |  | sleeps through the night; takes 2 to 3 naps during the day |
| 6 |  | uses tongue to reject pureed foods |
| 7 |  | holds or supports a bottle to feed self |
| 8 |  | closes lips when swallowing |
| 9 |  | brings food to mouth with whole hand |
| Start Age: 12 months |  |  |
| 10 |  | drinks from cup held by adult |
| 11 |  | shows definite likes and dislikes of various foods |
| 12 |  | pulls off own socks |
| 13 |  | feeds self finger foods |
| 14 |  | fusses when diaper needs to be changed |
| 15 |  | sleeps through the night; takes one nap during the day |
| 16 |  | cooperates in dressing and undressing (e.g., helps put arms in holes) |
| 17 |  | chews textured foods |
| 18 |  | willingly allows caregiver to wipe nose |
| 19 |  | brushes teeth with assistance |
| Start Age: 24 months |  |  |
| 20 | 1 | tries to wash own hands and face |
| 21 | 1 | sips liquid from glass or cup using a straw |
| 22 | 1 | helps with simple household tasks (e.g., helps put things away) |
|  |  | Page 2 Total |


| Item \# | Score <br> 1 or 0 | Item |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23 | 1 | removes loose clothing such as a jacket, shorts, or a shirt without assistance |
| 24 | 0 | puts on simple clothing (e.g., hat, pants, shoes, socks) |
| 25 | 0 | squats, holds self, or verbalizes bowel and bladder needs most of the time |
| 26 | 0 | opens door by turning handle |
| 27 | 0 | independently eats entire meal with spoon |
| 28 | 1 | sits on toilet for at least 1 minute supervised |
| 29 | 0 | wipes own nose; may need to be reminded |
| Start Age: 36 months |  |  |
| 30 |  | hangs clothing on hook |
| 31 |  | sleeps through the night; no naps during the day |
| 32 |  | telis adult of toilet needs in time to get to toilet |
| 33 |  | washes and dries hands and face without assistance |
| 34 |  | pours milk and juice with some assistance |
| 35 |  | drinks from water fountain independently |
| 36 |  | gets drink of water from tap unassisted (may need help getting cup from cupboard) |
| 37 |  | takes responsibility for toileting; may require assistance in wiping |
| 38 |  | cleans up spills, getting own cloth |
| 39 |  | manipulates large buttons and snaps |
| Start Age: 48 months |  |  |
| 40 |  | sets table with assistance (plates, glasses, silverware); direction may be provided |
| 41 |  | uses all eating utensils |
| 42 |  | sleeps through the night without wetting |
| 43 |  | brushes teeth independently |
| 44 |  | dresses self completely, except for tying shoelaces (includes underwear; clothes must be on correctly, including all fasteners) |
| 45 |  | covers mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing (hand, tissue, or handkerchief may be used) |
| 46 |  | serves self at the table (adult may need to hold serving dish) |
| 47 |  | zippers efficiently |
| 48 |  | puts shoes on correct feet without assistance |
| 49 |  | often wants privacy in bathroom |
| 50 |  | fastens seat belt in automobile independently |
| 51 |  | uses table knife for spreading soft butter, jelly, and peanut butter |
|  |  | Page 3 Total |



## Correct response for activity you've just completed:

Donovan is 24 months old, with at least a $25 \%$ delay in all areas as measured by the DAYC.

|  | Raw Score | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Age } \\ \text { Equivalent }\end{array}$ | Percentile | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Standard } \\ \text { Score }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cognitive | 17 | 12 mos. | 4 | 73 |
| Communication | 17 | 10 mos. | 1 | 64 |
| Social-Emotional | 23 | 16 mos. | 16 | 85 |
| Physical Development | 46 | 12 mos. | 13 | 83 |
| Adaptive Behavior | 23 | 18 mos. | 16 | 85 |
| Sum of Standard Scores |  |  |  |  |$] 390$.



## What should I include in sections of the child's IFSP?

John is 24 months old. Here are some examples of how his DAYC results were documented.

| DAYC results and other <br> evaluation findings | How information is worded for the IFSP |
| :--- | :--- |
| John can use at least five words, <br> indicates 'yes' and 'no' in <br> response to questions, and <br> produces some 2-word phrases. <br> He is not able to point to 6 body <br> parts or point to 15 pictures of <br> common objects. | While communicating with his family, John is able <br> to point to what he wants and is able to name some <br> of his favorite objects. John is beginning to point <br> to some body parts-his nose and eyes. He enjoys <br> reading books and pointing to some objects on the <br> page. His family is working on remembering to <br> name things for him and encouraging him to repeat <br> them, throughout the day, when he is making <br> choices, and when he is making requests. His <br> favorite phrases are 'bye-bye,' 'me go,' and 'uh- <br> oh.' He needs more everyday practice to become <br> quicker with his responses. |
| DAYC results and other <br> evaluation findings | How information is worded IFSP |
| John can play simple games, <br> express affection, and laughs at <br> incongruous events. He is not <br> able to share, has temper <br> tantrums when frustrated and <br> shows anxiety at separation from <br> caregiver. | John always gives his sister a big hug when she <br> gets home from school. Before she does her <br> homework, they have a snack together and then <br> she plays with him for a few minutes. They enjoy <br> playing peek-a-boo together. He laughs when she <br> pretends that she is eating his toys for her snack. <br> He likes to try and help her with her homework <br> and sometimes cries when it is time for her to take <br> her things to her room to complete her homework. <br> Mom needs more ideas to help calm him when <br> he's having tantrums. |

## Learning Activity

Using the sample DAYC (pages 22-30 in this module) and the child's DAYC scores, fill in the "Child's Present Abilities, Strengths and Unique Needs" sections of the MDE/IFSP document (these are provided on pages 34-36 in this module).

Paint a picture of the child's ability to function and describe where support is needed. Do not present the child as a list of skills and deficits.
Child's Present Abilities, Strengths and Unique Needs

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