

**The New Mexico Family Infant Toddler Program
Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) tool**

Child's Name:
Date of Birth:

Mother:
Father:
Primary Caregiver:

FOR ITEMS 1 TO 3: Add number of protective factors present to obtain risk (A through F).

1. Child's Basic Needs

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| A. Child supplies available (car seat, clothes, food, etc.) | A. _____ |
| B. Stable housing for at least 3 months | B. _____ |
| C. Receives steady source of adequate income | C. _____ |
| D. Accesses needed social support services (ISD benefits, WIC, etc.) | D. _____ |
| E. Has transportation or access to public transportation | E. _____ |
| F. Has adequate and appropriate child care, as needed | F. _____ |

Add number of protective factors present to obtain risk (A through E)

4-6 = *No risk* 3 = *Medium risk* 0-2 = *High risk* No M H

2. Support Network

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| A. Primary caregiver has a partner that is involved and is a positive influence | A. _____ |
| B. Positive, supportive relationships from extended family living nearby | B. _____ |
| C. Positive support of friends | C. _____ |
| D. Reports affiliation to community group (church, support groups, AA/NA) | D. _____ |
| E. Has telephone or message phone | E. _____ |

Add number of protective factors present to obtain risk (A through E)

4-5 = *No risk* 3 = *Medium risk* 0-2 = *High risk* No M H

3. Home Structure/Environment

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| A. Is adequately organized, and there is evidence of a routine | A. _____ |
| B. Is not overly crowded or substandard | B. _____ |
| C. Has appropriate noise level | C. _____ |
| D. Has safe, developmentally appropriate toys | D. _____ |
| E. Has been adapted to meet safety needs of the child | E. _____ |
| F. In a neighborhood that is reportedly safe. | F. _____ |

Add number of protective factors present to obtain risk (A through E)

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FOR ITEMS 4 TO 15: Circle the appropriate risk level.

4. Family Educational History

- No. No history of the following:
- M. History of one of the following:
- H. History of two or more of the following:
- Family history of school dropout
 - Family history of speech/language delay(s)

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- Family history of learning disability(ies) or special education
- Family history of social/emotional or behavioral disorder(s)

No M H

5. Family Health

- No. Immediate family members living in home have no chronic illness, or debilitating disability.
- M. Immediate family member has a chronic illness and is compliant with treatment regimen OR has a debilitating disability with sufficient adaptations in place to care for the child independently.
- H. Immediate family member has a chronic illness and is NOT compliant with treatment regimen OR has a debilitating disability that impairs the ability of the family to care for the child OR has died in the last six months.

No M H

6. Family Substance Use

- No. No recent history of inappropriate substance use by individuals living in household.
- M. Minimal, recent history of or infrequent inappropriate substance use by individuals living in the household.
- H. Consistent inappropriate substance use by individuals living in the household.

No M H

7. Family Mental Health

- No. No psychiatric diagnoses identified for individuals living in the household.
- M. Managed and/or treated psychiatric diagnosis in any individual living in household.
- H. Active non-treated psychiatric diagnosis in any individual living in the household.

No M H

8. Family Violence

- No. No past physical, sexual, or emotional abuse in the child's home.
- M. Parental history of physical, sexual, emotional abuse.
- H. Child has been exposed to physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of some member in the family.

No M H

9. Abuse and Neglect

- No. Immediate family has never had CYFD Protective Services (CYFD PS) involvement.
- M. Immediate family has been the subject of unsubstantiated CYFD PS investigation(s).
- H. Immediate family has an open CYFD PS investigation, had a

substantiated CYFD PS investigation, and/or child is in state custody.

No M H

10. Justice System Related Legal History

No. Parent(s) or household member(s) have no history of jail time or probation.

M. Parent or household members have a previous history of jail time or probation.

H. Parent(s) or household member(s) have a history of jail time or probation since the child's birth.

No M H

11. Primary Caregiver Age at Child's Birth.

No. Primary caregiver is twenty-one years old or over.

M. Primary caregiver is seventeen to twenty years old.

H. Primary caregiver is sixteen years old or younger.

No M H

12. Multiple Placements

No. Child has had one primary caregiver in the last year.

M. Child has had 2 -3 different primary caregivers in different homes in the last year.

H. Child has had 4 or more different primary caregivers in different homes in the last year.

No M H

PRIMARY CAREGIVER DISPOSITION

13. Primary Caregiver Acceptance of and Affection toward Child

No. Very accepting and affectionate. No negative statements made about the child.

M. Variable acceptance and affection. Demonstrates affection toward child, but also makes negative comments about the child.

H. Very little affection demonstrated towards child, frequently makes negative statements about the child or handles child roughly.

No M H

14. Primary Caregiver Expectations of Child

No. Very realistic and primary caregiver has good knowledge of (or good feelings for) age-appropriate behaviors.

M. Somewhat realistic, but open to improvement. Primary caregiver has fair knowledge of age appropriate behaviors, but child sometimes held in too high or too low standards.

H. Unrealistic or not open to improvement. Primary caregiver either has very poor understanding of age-appropriate behaviors, or makes unrealistic demands of children despite some knowledge of development.

No M H

15. Primary Caregiver Interpretation of Child Cues

No. Interprets and responds appropriately to cues most of the time.

M. Interprets and responds appropriately to cues half of the time.

H. Rarely interprets and responds appropriately to cues.

No M H

16. Primary Caregiver Responds to Child Cues

No. Responds appropriately to cues of child most of the time.

M. Responds appropriately to cues half of the time. H. Rarely responds appropriately to cues.

H. Rarely responds to cues.

No M H

17. Other physical, social, economic and/or caregiver/family member disposition factors that may pose a substantial risk to development (rate each additional factor):

No M H

No M H

SCORING

_____ a) a "High" rating in one, or more of the following: No. 6, 7, 8, 9, *or*

_____ b) a "High" rating in a minimum of two risk factors; *or*

_____ c) a "Medium" rating in four risk factors.

Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program Eligibility Determination:

The above combination of risk factors has led to the determination of eligibility for FIT Program services based on the "Environmental At Risk" for developmental delay criteria:

Yes _____ No _____

Agency: _____ Clinician: _____ Date: _____

Does this child qualify for Family Infant Toddler Program due to any other Eligibility Criteria?

- Developmental Delay
- Established Condition
- Biological or Medical Risk

Primary Eligibility _____