The Steps in the Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program

Child Identification

There is a concern about the development of a child, who is under the age of 3 and living in New Mexico.

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Referral and Intake

Referral is made to a FIT Provider by calling a provider in the community where the family lives. (see XXX)

The FIT Provider arranges for a developmental evaluation with the child's family within 45 days from the date of referral.

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Evaluation

The developmental evaluation occurs at the family's home or a community location where the child is most comfortable. An evaluation report is written summarizing findings and making recommendations regarding child's eligibility.

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Eligibility Determination

→ **Child is found <u>not</u> eligible for FIT Program services**

Child will be referred to the ASK Project that will administer and track development every three months using the ASQ screening tool. The child will be followed until the child turns three years of age.

Child's family is provided with information on growth and development.

Referrals to other community resources, if appropriate, are made.

Child may be re-evaluated at a later date

→ **Child is found eligible for FIT Program services**

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Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

At a setting and time convenient for the family, an initial IFSP will be developed. The child's caregiver(s) will work in coordination with a team of professionals and will determine outcomes for the child and family and the services necessary to meet those outcomes.

Services are delivered according to the IFSP. Ongoing assessments are done, and the IFSP is reviewed every 6 months to determine progress toward outcomes.

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Transition

Prior to the child's third birthday, transition planning will occur to ensure a smooth and effective transition of the child and family from the FIT Program to other resources in the community, such as the public school's preschool special education services, Head Start, or childcare program. A transition conference will occur at least 90 days prior to the child's third birthday, where representatives from both the current EI Provider and the transitioning agencies are present.