Flowchart and Decision Rules for Entry and Exit for Child Outcomes Assessments

BDI-2 assessment data must be submitted for all children at ENTRY and EXIT for children who have an IFSP or IEP for at least 6 months

See Note 1

Children entering Early Steps

ENTRY ASSESSMENT FOR EARLY STEPS
ENTRY = Date of initial IFSP
(Not when services begin)
C-In Assessment Window = 90 calendar days before to 30 calendar days after ENTRY

See Note 2

TIME IN EARLY STEPS PROGRAM
BDI-2 ENTRY and EXIT assessment data must be submitted for all children who have an IFSP for at least 6 months

EXIT ASSESSMENT FOR EARLY STEPS
EXIT = Date of termination of services per notice
C-Out Assessment Window = 90 calendar days before to 30 calendar days after EXIT

“Shared Data Point” for Children Transitioning from Part C to Part B:

C to B Assessment Window = 90 calendar days before the date of termination of Part C services per notice to 90 calendar days afterwards

See Note 2

Children entering Preschool Special Education

ENTRY ASSESSMENT FOR PART B PRESCHOOL
ENTRY = Date of initial IEP
(Not when services begin)
B-In Assessment Window = 90 calendar days before to 30 calendar days after ENTRY

See Note 3

TIME IN PART B PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
BDI-2 ENTRY and EXIT assessment data must be submitted for all children who have an IEP for at least 6 months

EXIT ASSESSMENT FOR PART B PRESCHOOL
Exit = Date of dismissal from special education or May 31 prior to kindergarten entry, whichever comes first
B-Out Assessment Window = 90 calendar days before to 30 calendar days after EXIT

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Notes for Clarification

1. All children served in Early Steps and all children served in the preschool program for children with disabilities for at least 6 months will be included in the child outcomes measurement system. This includes children never served by Early Steps who enter the preschool program after age three.

2. Early Steps children who have an initial IFSP date after the age of 30 months (beginning 30 months plus 1 day) will not be in the Early Steps child outcomes measurement system. However, for these children, a BDI-2 assessment administered by Early Steps when the child is 30 months plus one day, or older, may be used as the ENTRY assessment for preschool. This is the only exception to the defined assessment window and intended to promote collaboration between Early Steps and school districts.

3. Preschool children who have an initial IEP date of December 1st or later in the school year prior to kindergarten will not be included in the Part B preschool child outcomes measurement system. Participation in extended school year (ESY) does not change this.

Additional Information for Clarification

4. ENTRY is defined as the date of the initial IFSP or IEP even if there is a delay in implementing the services.

5. If the administration of the BDI-2 assessment is not completed on the same day that it was initiated, the assessment must be completed within 14 days. The date of the assessment is always considered the first day that administration was initiated.

6. The Florida child outcomes measurement system provides for a “shared data point.” A “shared data point” exists when the same BDI-2 assessment can be used as both the EXIT assessment for Early Steps and the ENTRY assessment for Part B Preschool (Exit from C/Entry to B). The following are examples of what is meant by the shared data point.
   a. Example #1 - The school district conducts an eligibility evaluation using the BDI-2 for a child [age 34 months] who will have been served by Part C for at least six months. This assessment serves as the EXIT assessment for Early Steps and the ENTRY assessment for Part B preschool.
   b. Example #2 – Early Steps conducts an evaluation using the BDI-2 for a child [age 34 months] who will have been served by Part C for at least six months. As in Example #2, this assessment serves as the EXIT assessment for Early Steps and the ENTRY assessment for Part B preschool.

7. Children whose length of time in either Early Steps or the Part B preschool program is just over 6 months should be given their EXIT assessment as late as possible in the assessment window so that the assessment can demonstrate maximum progress.

8. If, because of family relocation, a child receives services from two or more Early Steps programs, or from two or more school districts, data on the child’s progress in the Early Steps or the preschool program will not be included in any local program or school district report and will only be included in the state-level report.