

The Assessment Center Team

Parent or Guardian
Speech-Language Pathologist
Educational Consultant
Occupational Therapist
Physical Therapist
Social Worker

How Much Does It Cost?

There is no fee to families for this assessment.

Who Is Eligible?

Any family in York County with a child age birth to five years who has or is at risk for a developmental, behavioral, or emotional problem.

“The team helped us answer a lot of questions about our son and they explained to us what needs to be done. We were included in the assessment process and they listened to our concerns!”

“This experience helped identify areas my child needs help with. It was a wonderful opportunity and they made my child feel completely relaxed and allowed him to be himself!”

Developmental Assessment?

Assessments are usually divided into free play, table activities, and large motor activities.

- ◆ During free play, skills such as social interaction, communication, choice of toys, and adjustment to the setting are observed.
- ◆ At the table, specific skills such as hand use, learning skills, and communication skills are assessed.
- ◆ Large muscle skills such as rolling over, sitting, walking, climbing, and jumping are assessed.
- ◆ Sometimes a snack is included in order to observe feeding and oral-motor skills.

The whole process usually lasts about three hours, but this may vary according to the age of the child.

What Is A “Facilitator”?

Each child is assigned a “facilitator” who will direct the child through the assessment process. While the “facilitator” is assessing specific skills, the other members of the team will be observing and evaluating skills in their particular areas of expertise.

What Is The Role Of The Parent In The Assessment Process?

Parents are an important part of the assessment “team”. Since it is impossible to see everything a child can do in one assessment session, parents are asked for their input on things such as what the child is like at home or what he/she is like with other children. During this time, parents are encouraged to share their concerns regarding their child.

“I felt the Waban Team was fair and honest in determining my child’s development. I found out a lot of things I did not know about my child. They gave me suggestions for coping with my child’s attitude and it has helped him to listen to me better!”

The Waban Developmental Assessment Center

- ◆ The Assessment Team provides a comprehensive developmental assessment for children birth to five years of age.
- ◆ The Assessment Team focuses on children's emotional/behavioral, motor, communication, and learning abilities.
- ◆ The Assessment Team targets children's strengths and skills, identifies areas of concern, and provides programming recommendations.
- ◆ A written report of the findings is processed and sent to the family and their referral source within two weeks.

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