

Child Outcomes Measurement System Needs Assessment

A needs assessment survey, such as the example provided below, can be a good way to learn about issues related to child outcomes measurement. A state that uses the Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF) developed this survey to identify training and TA needs for local programs.

Name _____ Position _____
EIS program/LEA _____

Are you the person primarily responsible for your EIS program/LEA's Child Outcome Measurement System? ___Yes ___No
If not, who is the person with this responsibility? _____

5 - Very Comfortable/No Assistance Needed

3 - Comfortable/Some Assistance Needed

1 - Very Uncomfortable/Definitely Need Assistance

Please circle your response.

Regarding child outcomes measurement, our EIS program/LEA staff:	Don't Know	1	2	3	4	5
1. Understand what the state expects EIS programs/LEAs to do		1	2	3	4	5
2. Know where to access state procedure and guidance materials		1	2	3	4	5
3. Have effective procedures in place		1	2	3	4	5
4. Have well defined roles that are understood		1	2	3	4	5
5. Have developed timelines that seem to be working well		1	2	3	4	5
6. Have received adequate professional development on the COSF		1	2	3	4	5
7. Have ongoing professional development opportunities available for our EIS program/LEA staff to practice and improve use of the COSF		1	2	3	4	5
8. Provide professional development on the COSF to newly hired staff		1	2	3	4	5
9. Know how to use multiple sources of information (assessment data, observations, parental input, etc.) to complete the COSF		1	2	3	4	5
10. Use ongoing assessment information to effectively inform the COSF ratings		1	2	3	4	5
11. Understand the three child outcome areas		1	2	3	4	5
12. Understand each of the points on the COSF's 7-point rating scale		1	2	3	4	5
13. Are able to compare child functioning to age-expected behavior and skills on each of the three outcomes		1	2	3	4	5
14. Are able to complete all parts of the COSF		1	2	3	4	5
15. Follow a system to keep track of the data and to meet required timelines		1	2	3	4	5
16. Feel confident that our data are accurate, reliable, and valid		1	2	3	4	5
17. Understand how to report required data to DOE		1	2	3	4	5

Comments/Suggestions? Please use the back of the form.