

Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Guardians on the KWJ child care center's ESI-R Developmental Screen

1. What is the Early Screening Inventory-Revised (ESI-R)?

The ESI-R is a brief developmental screening instrument designed to be individually administered to children from 3.0 to 5.11 years of age.

2. When will the assessment be administered to my child?

KWJ will administer the ESI-R annually. This year's ESI-R screening assessments will be administered during October and November to those students who are ages 3.0 – 5.11 years old by October 1st. Children who turn 3.0 years old after October 1, 2014, will complete their initial ESI-R screening Fall 2015 unless there are specific developmental concerns and it is determined that developmental screening is needed.

3. How are the results used?

The ESI-R assessment helps identify children who may need special education services in order to perform successfully in school. Research has shown the ESI-R to be highly reliable and valid.

4. Who will administer the screening tool to my child?

KWJ teachers have been trained on the ESI-R assessment and will administer the screening to your child.

5. How much time is required to complete the screening?

The screening process will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes per child.

6. Is the screening tool available for review prior to my child being screened?

No, parents/guardians should not review the assessment tool prior to their child's screening.

7. What do I need to do to prepare for my child's screening?

Please complete the Parent Questionnaire and return it to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

8. Will I be notified of my child's screening results?

Yes, you will receive a written notification of your child's results by December 15, 2014.

9. If my child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), does my child need to be screened?

No, if your child has already been assessed and has an IEP then your child does not need to be screened. You may make a written request to the office to waive the ESI-R assessment for your child.

10. Is the ESI-R screening available in multiple languages?

The ESI-R is only available in English and Spanish. It is normed and standardized in both languages.

11. What percentage of children fall into each result category? According to Pearson (as cited by NJ Department of Education), the percentage of children who are predicted to fall into each category is:

- a. Refer: 5-7% b. Rescreen: 10-12% c. OK: 81-85%

12. What age groups are assessed using the ESI-R screening tool?

The instrument is available for two age groups:

- a. The Early Screening Inventory-Preschool (ESI-P) for ages 3 to 4½ years
b. The Early Screening Inventory-Kindergarten (ESI-K) for ages 4½ to 6 years

For more information on the ESI-R, you may visit the following web site:

<http://www.pearsonclinical.com/childhood/products/100000382/early-screening-inventory-revised-2008-edition-esir.html?Pid=PAaESI&Mode=summary#tab-details>