

## **What to Expect for your child's initial evaluation at Joya**

Welcome to Joya Child and Family Development! We are glad that you chose our team to address your developmental concerns for your child. We want to give you a picture of what your evaluation session will look like.

You can expect that your initial evaluation appointment will be 1 ½-2 hours long. For children under the age of 3, the Early Support for Infants and Toddler Program (ESIT) requires that we evaluate 5 critical areas of development for any child. These areas are motor skill development, cognitive development, social emotional development, self-help, and language development. If you have concerns about your child's eating, we may evaluate those skills as well.

### **Things to bring to the evaluation:**

- Shoes if your child is walking.
- A snack
- A favorite toy or blanket if needed for comfort.
- Bottle/nipples

When you arrive at Joya, you will check in at the front desk and then complete any intake paperwork that you have not been able to complete prior to your appointment.

Your team members will greet you in the lobby and take you to one of our play areas for evaluation.

### **Team members that may be present for your child's evaluation are:**

- Family Resource Coordinator: Family Resource Coordinators (FRC) support families and caregivers in the coordination of services and resources throughout their time in Joya's Program.
- Teacher or Developmental Specialist: Teacher's and Developmental Specialists will assess your child's play skills, problem solving skills and social-emotional development.
- Physical Therapist: Physical therapists (PT) will assess your child's gross motor skill development. Gross motor skills in infants and toddlers may include rolling, sitting, crawling, walking, running, and jumping.
- Speech-Language Therapists: Speech-Language Therapists (SLP) will assess your child's ability to understand language, speak and may also assess your child's ability to eat a variety of age-appropriate foods.
- Occupational Therapist: Occupational Therapists (OT) will assess your child's fine motor skills such as grasping an object, functional skills such as holding a spoon, daily self-care skills, sleep and sensory development.

The evaluation time is a time for you to express any concerns that you may have for your child. You are the most important member of your child's team. We value your opinions and concerns and look forward to discussing your child with you.



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During this time, we will be asking you questions about your child's history, daily routines, and skills at home. We will be playing with your child and observing how they play, move, and interact. We will also be administering some developmental tests that will help us determine areas of developmental strengths and concerns.

When all the tests are completed, the team will briefly step out of the room to score the tests. The final part of the appointment will be discussing our testing results with you and working together with you to determine a plan to address any concerns that you or team members have identified. If your child will be receiving developmental services at Joya, the FRC will work with you to create an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) based on our assessments and your goals for your child. Within 2 weeks, you can expect to receive a written copy of all reports for your child regardless of if your child will be receiving further services.

Our evaluation spots are limited. **If you need to cancel or reschedule for any reason, we ask that you let us know more than 24 hours in advance.** If you have any questions about this evaluation, please call (509) 326-1651.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

The Joya Team