Your child's assessment will be at the:

ESC Early Childhood Assessment Center

Dates To Remember

Appointment for your child's assessment

Date: _____

Time: _____

Follow Up Meeting

Date: _____

Time: _____

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Preschool Assessment Process

Welcome to the Educational Service Center's Preschool Assessment Center. This brochure serves as a guide to describe the assessment process for you and your child. Please feel free to contact us regarding any further inquiry or questions.

Who will provide services for my child?

The ESC of Lake Erie West provides the evaluation and educational services for preschool children with individualized special needs in collaboration with the Anthony Wayne, Maumee, Ottawa Hills, and Washington Local school districts. This consortium provides and ensures that your preschool child is supported by a panel of professionals with expertise working with young children with special needs within their community and home district.

Who is included in the preschool assessment team?

- Parent
- Parent mentor/educator
- School psychologist
- Speech therapist
- Occupational therapist
- Early childhood intervention specialist
- Vision screener

Other specialists who may be involved:

- Physical therapist
- Vision specialist
- Audiologist
- Teacher of the Hearing Impaired / Deaf
- Orientation and Mobility Specialist

How will my young child be assessed?

It is developmentally appropriate to assess young children in a natural play environment. All members of the assessment team will have an opportunity to observe, interact with, and play with your child as he/she explores and interacts during play activities in the assessment room.

In what areas are young children evaluated?

A preschool team member will initially observe and screen the child in the following areas:

- *Language and oral communication*—ability to understand language and express self to others
- *Motor functioning*—physical development, large, and fine motor muscle development
- *Cognitive development*—thinking process, problem-solving, and planning skills
- *Adaptive functioning*—ability to be independent in daily living skills
- *Social/emotional development*—age appropriate development of self regulation, self monitoring, self control, and relations with peers and adults.

How is eligibility for preschool services determined?

Documentation is gathered through observation, criterion-referenced, norm-referenced, play-based assessment and/or a parent-provided outside evaluation, as well as a parent interview. Follow-up meetings are then held with district representatives to identify possible delays or disabilities.

What is the parent's role in the assessment process?

The parent is an important member of the assessment team, and he/she provides vital information about his/her child's development. Parent involvement is important for your child's educational success. The assessment team is available to answer any questions.

The results of the assessment (ETR) will be shared with the family after all observations, assessments, and background information have been completed. If your child is eligible, the team collaborates with families to develop an educational plan (IEP) that meets the needs of your child.

What are my options for preschool services?

The ESC of Lake Erie West offers the following to qualifying students:

- Public preschool (serving children ages 3-5)
- Itinerant services
- Related services such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, and/or speech-language services are provided in the educational setting.