

Quick Early Intervention Facts

What is TEIS?

A. Part C of IDEA

- a. Federally Funded
- b. Educational

B. Eligibility must be determined before 3rd Birthday

<https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/disability-aging-programs/teis/teis-eligibility-information.html>

- a. 25% Delay in two developmental areas or 40% delay in one area.
- b. Prematurity
 - i. Gestational age of less than 32 weeks
 - ii. Between 32-36 weeks AND have additional medical concerns
- c. Diagnosis

C. Tennessee's Process

a. Child Find & Referral by TEIS

- i. 1-800-852-7157
- ii. Online -https://stateofkentucky-cvlyz.formstack.com/forms/teis_referral
- iii. MY TN App
- iv. Referrals can be made by families, doctors, or other providers.

b. Evaluations – Evaluation and Eligibility Agency (EEA)

- i. Battelle Development Inventory, 3rd Edition (BDI-3)
- ii. 5 Evaluation Agencies (Awarded in 2026, **Fee for Service**)

c. **IFSP**- Individualized Family Service Plan TEIS

- i. Parents work with Service Coordinators to develop goals and determine appropriate services to help support the family in reaching goals.
- ii. Updated 6month & Annual
- iii. Requested Reviews if changes to services outside of planned meetings.
- iv. State Employees are the Service Coordinators

d. Services

i. Developmental Therapy

- **Contract** through 2029
- Set number of Service Hours
- Various Frequencies (1/week, 2/month, 1/month)
- ALWAYS home and community based.
- Not billed through insurance
- No Cost to families
- FGRBI (Family Guided Routines Based Intervention)
- 42 EIRAs (Early Intervention Resource Agency)

ii. Vendors: OT, PT, ST, Feeding, Assistive Technology, Audiology, + more

- **Funding-Fee for Service**
- TEIS is last Payor
- Always billed to TennCare
- Private Insurance, but TEIS will pay co-pay
- Families can decline to allow private insurance especially if they have HSA Account
- Extra TEIS funding for providing service in home and completing note in TEIDS.
- Funding for attending IFSP Meetings

- D. Extended Option (3 years old – 1 day before kindergarten)
- a. MUST be enrolled in TEIS before 3rd birthday.
 - b. Must be evaluated and determined eligible by the Local Education Agency (3 years old)
 - c. Can choose to exit for school system at any time.
 - d. Once child exits program for school system, extended option is no longer available.
- E. Other Funding for Children with Disabilities
- a. **Medical & Therapy**
 - TennCare
 - Private Insurance
 - b. **Extra Services & Supports**
 - Family Support
 - **Not eligible** if Katie Beckett or other DDA Waiver
 - Katie Beckett
 - **Not eligible** if TennCare
 - Children Special Services (Dept. Health-Income based)
 - SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
 - TN Respite
 - ECF Choices (Rare)

Resources for more information:

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View PowerPoint from October 2026 Presentation:

<https://canva.link/fcxyt5vgzfupwvi>

