

Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument and Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument (C/OEDI)

The C/OEDI is a tool to record information about a person's current functional abilities. It is designed to be a user-friendly, common sense document that the evaluator, the person, guardian, and advocate can easily understand. The COEDI, Children's Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument, determines eligibility for services for children, beginning at age 6 through 15 years old. The OEDI, or Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument, is used to determine eligibility for people 16 years old and older.

The C/OEDI is divided into life activity areas listed in the definition of developmental disability contained in ORC 5126.01. DODD authorizes county board staff to administer the C/OEDI to determine whether a person has substantial functional limitations in at least three of the six life activity areas listed within the definition. The OEDI has seven life activity areas.

Each of the seven areas—six for COEDI—contain at least one item. Each item is an ability statement about the particular life activity area. Each item is further divided into at least one sub-item for which the evaluator is required to score a yes, no, or N/A (when the instrument allows). A conclusion is made in accordance with DODD criteria as to whether a person has a substantial functional limitation (SFL) within each area.

There are four sources the evaluator will use to make their conclusions during the assessment: the applicant, the informant or person's supports, documentation, and observation. The evaluator is not required to use all four sources for every item. If the overall eligibility outcome is questionable or the evaluator is uncertain about a person's ability to perform a task, the evaluator should pursue more sources.

Any assessment or other documentation that the evaluator uses in assessing functional abilities must be current within one year. The C/OEDI is not valid if the evaluator uses old information to make decisions about the person's current abilities. Note that this requirement for information within one year differs from the Form for Eligibility Determination (C/FED). The reason for this difference is that one's abilities, unlike diagnoses, change over time.

The Design of the C/OEDI

COEDI has **six** Life Activity Areas

OEDI has **seven** Life Activity Areas

Each area contains at least **one** item

Each item contains at least **one** sub-item