



COMMUNITY READINESS ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE



A & B: Community Efforts and Community Knowledge of Efforts

1. How much of a concern is early identification of young children's developmental issues and referral for appropriate services in your community?
2. Please describe the resources and programs that are available in your community to address early identification and referral.
3. How long have these resources and programs been available in your community?
4. How aware are people in your community of these efforts?
5. What does the community know about these efforts or activities?
6. What are the strengths of these efforts?

7. What are the weaknesses of these efforts?

8. Would there be any segments of the community for which early identification and referral may appear inaccessible?
(For example, individuals of a certain age group, ethnicity, income level, geographic region, etc.)

9. Is there a need to expand early identification and referral?
If not, why?

10. Is there any planning for efforts/services going on in your community surrounding this issue?
If yes, please explain.

11. What formal or informal policies and practices related to early identification and referral are in place in your community, and for how long?

C. Leadership

12. Who are the leaders specific to early identification and referral in your community? Leaders could include agency heads, community policy makers, influential community members, and others.

13. How much of a concern is early identification and referral to community leaders?

14. How are these leaders involved in efforts regarding this issue?
(For example: Are they involved in a committee, task force, etc.? How often do they meet?)

15. Would the leadership support additional efforts? Please explain.

D. Community Climate

16. How does the community support the efforts to address early identification and referral?

17. What are the primary obstacles to efforts addressing early identification and referral in your community?

18. Based on the answers that you have provided so far, what do you think is the overall feeling among community members regarding this issue?

E. Knowledge about the issue

- 19.** Please describe how knowledgeable community members are about early identification and referral. Describe to what extent community members understand the issue and how it impacts the community.

- 20.** What type of information is available in your community regarding early identification and referral?

- 21.** What local data are available on early identification and referral in your community?

F. Resources for efforts (time, money, people, space, etc.)

- 22.** Please describe the level of expertise and training among those working on early identification and referral.

- 23.** Do these efforts have a broad base of volunteers?

- 24.** What is the community's attitude about supporting efforts to address early identification and referral, with people volunteering time, making financial donations, etc.? Include the attitudes of the business community, government, media community, not-for-profit, faith community and others in your response.