

BDI Transition 2023

Riverside Insights released their newly developed Battelle Developmental Inventory, 3rd Edition (BDI-3) in 2021 to better align with current population and research related to the determination of early intervention and special education eligibility. While both versions of the BDI evaluate the five developmental domains, there were substantive revisions and expanded content resulting in changes to the test blueprint, scoring, and numbering of test items.

The Texas Health and Human Services Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) program required all contractors to transition from the previously used BDI 2nd Edition to the BDI-3 by January 1, 2023.

Where appropriate, references to the BDI, including resources and materials, have been updated to reflect the current BDI-3; however, there are some cases where historical references to the BDI-2 remain to ensure clarity and align with the material presented. These references do not impact the applicability of the information provided.

In addition, although not addressed in this material, the Developmental Assessment of Young Children, 2nd Edition has been approved as an additional tool that may be used in eligibility determination.

ECI personnel with questions about references to or use of the BDI-2 or BDI-3 should contact their Program Director or the HHSC ECI office at ECI_BDI@hhs.texas.gov.