

HOME Inventory Screening Webinar Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: Could you choose to do the HOME on another day if you see this it is a bad day for the family [i.e. if the child is sick, asleep, family crisis]?

A1: *Yes. If it seems like the day you planned to do it is not a good choice, you can choose another day. You have a 2-3 month window to complete the form (11-13 months or 23-25 months).*

Q3: For NFP, can we only do the 24 month screen between 23-24 months since they exit at 24 months?

A3: *Yes- for NFP, you will need to complete the 24 month HOME before exit, so your time window is a bit shorter- 23-24 months.*

Q4: Do the books need to be appropriate for kids (in reference to item #19)?

A4: *No, they can be any books in the home, including magazines and other reading material, but not electronic books.*

Q5: In EHS, what if we enroll a child older than 14 or 25 months?

A5: *We only collect HOME screening information twice for MIECHV at 12 and 24 months. Unfortunately not all children will have two data collection points if they enter the program after 13 months [EHS]. Your program may choose to do additional screening using the HOME if it is useful for the family, or to help plan interventions by the home visitor. Check with your program supervisor for further guidance. You can choose to complete the HOME upon enrollment as well, but we only collect information at 12 and 24 months for MIECHV.*

Q6: How will you see an increase in Acceptance and Responsivity if you only screen once? Such as the 24 months?

A6: *Unfortunately our data collection points at 12 and 24 months will not capture all children's improvement if the early data collection point (12 months) is missed.*

Q7: Is there a reason why we cannot do it again at 3 years?

A7: *You can choose to conduct HOME screenings at other intervals if it is useful for the family or your program to plan interventions. We only collect the screening twice for MIECHV-at 12 and 24 months- but your program may choose to do additional screenings.*

Q8: Is the recommendation from the PSI Webinar, to not share the scores with parents, specific to the PSI or does it apply to the HOME as well?

A8: *You can share the HOME tool with the families if that is your program practice. Sharing the score is not necessary or especially relevant to families, but you may choose to if you prefer.*

Comment *from webinar participant about Q8: We let the families see the tool with us and then share what we are looking at and why. We try to develop a partnership and trust.*

Q9: Can we complete the HOME from a videotape of a home visit? We see so much in our videos and can review again later and then share back with parents.

A9: *You could use a videotaping session of a home visit to score the screening if videotaping is a practice on home visits in your program. The information needs to be collected for all observation (O) items from that single videotaped home visit, and not over multiple home visits. Interview (I) items can be collected in person at another home visit shortly after the one videotaped.*