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NCII Behavioral and Social/Emotional Assessments Tools Charts Review

The National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII) is seeking evidence-based behavior[1] screening and progress monitoring tools for inclusion on our tools charts. We have made several changes to the behavior assessment submission process to make it **easier than ever** for developers/vendors to submit their tools for review.

What is a *tools chart*?

The behavior screening and progress monitoring tools charts are web-based tables summarizing the technical rigor and key implementation features of evidence-based assessment tools that can be used to identify students in need of behavioral support and monitor their response to intervention. The charts are intended to assist educators and families in becoming informed consumers who can select assessment tools that address their specific needs.

Who uses the tools charts?

The tools charts[2] are among the most popular resources on NCII's highly-viewed website, which has more than 220,000 visitors a year. Our users represent state and local education agencies, institutions of higher education, technical assistance centers, professional development providers, and more.

How do tools get on the charts?

Vendors respond to open calls for submissions by completing an evaluation protocol based on established standards. Vendors may be product developers, researchers, or other proprietors. The submission process is voluntary, and reviews of eligible submissions are posted on the tools charts.

NCII has updated and streamlined our submission process to make it easier for vendors to submit their tools for review.

- Instead of annual calls, in July 2019 we opened a call that will remain open until **May 14, 2021**. This rolling submission window allows vendors to submit behavior screening and progress monitoring tools at their convenience.

- Historically, NCII posted review results for all tools that completed the review process. Now, behavior assessment **vendors may withdraw their tool from review** at any time prior to posting (e.g., after receipt of the interim or final review results).

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[1] Throughout this document, *behavior* and *behavioral* are inclusive of behavior, social/emotional, and mental health assessments.

[2] NCII has six tools charts addressing academic and behavioral screening, progress monitoring, and intervention.

- In early 2019, NCII **refined the behavior assessment rating criteria** based on feedback from vendors and in conjunction with experts to align more closely with the field of behavioral assessment and remove unnecessary complexity. See the 2019 Rating Rubrics and FAQs on our website, https://intensiveintervention.org/about-charts-review-process.

- We now offer individualized **submission support to vendors** throughout the submission process. For example, we are available by phone or email to discuss the review process with vendors, answer questions about the review process, and help vendors determine their tool's eligibility before they begin completing the protocol. We may even be able to assist vendors in completing the submission based on evidence the vendor shares with us.

We hope these changes will encourage a broader pool of submissions and look forward to working with all interested vendors of behavior screening and progress monitoring tools.