**24:14:12:03.  Family-directed assessment of needs.** A family-directed assessment must be completed to appropriately determine the child's and family's needs. A family-directed assessment must be carried out by qualified personnel using evidence-based early intervention practices as determined by the state Part C program. The practices must be designed to determine the resources, priorities, and concerns of a family and the identification of the supports and services necessary to enhance the family's capacity to meet the developmental needs of the child.

Any assessment that is conducted must be voluntary on the part of each family member participating in the assessment. The assessment must be conducted by qualified personnel trained to use state-approved methods and procedures, and must be based on information obtained through an assessment tool and through interviews with family members who participate in the assessment.

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