

On My Way Pre-K Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. *Is this similar to the I-SPROUT? where is it found?*

This KRI is not similar to I-SPROUT, the Indiana Department of Education assessment required for any PreK student with an IEP (Individual Education Plan). You will be granted access to the KRI once you have completed BOTH the training and certification process, when the assessment window opens each spring.

Who needs to be assessed?

2. *Is this assessment required for all kids in the room? Does the required also mean CCDF students?*

The KRI is **only required for the On My Way enrolled children** in your classroom/program. The KRI is not required for any CCDF enrolled children.

3. *Although the assessment is for OMWPK recipients, can we use it for other students?*

Yes, you may use it for other PreK students in the same classroom/with the same teacher as your On My Way Pre-K children who will be attending kindergarten in the fall, but it is not intended for younger students.

4. *If a child leaves the program prior to April, do we not worry about assessing them?*

No, if a child leaves prior to the beginning date of KRI availability, you are not required to complete an assessment for that child. But it would be best practice to begin administering the KRI as soon as it is available in order to include all required children before the end of the year.

5. *I assume limited eligibility OMWPK is the same as far as regular OMWPK for the KRI assessment? Need to do if for all?*

That is correct – both regular and limited eligibility OMW children are required to be assessed using the KRI

6. *Do children with IEP's need to complete the KRI?*

No, children with an IEP do not need to complete the KRI. If you feel the child is able to complete, you can administer the KRI, but it is not required.

Who needs to complete the training/certification?

7. *So, directors do not need to complete the training? Just the PreK classroom teacher? Who assesses and attends the trainings (director, teacher)? Could the director be the assessor, or would you suggest a teacher?*

This is a program level decision –it most likely will make sense for one person to complete all assessments since they are not observational or based on performance in a classroom setting. For some programs, the director might be that person. In other instances, it might be the classroom teacher. In most instances, unless you have large numbers of children in multiple classrooms, this is NOT something multiple staff will need to complete the training/certification. Please make sure you have at least 2 individuals trained/certified, and you have a back up plan if someone is ill or not available.

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8. *Is there a separate training for Directors?*
No, the only training/certification is for the person(s) who will perform the KRI.
9. *Can more than one person be trained? I am just thinking about making sure that 2 people are trained in case one of them quits.*
Yes, this might be where the director would step in to take the place of an ill or absent teacher.
10. *Just to clarify, I am a teacher and will administer the KRI, I have to be trained and then certified?*
Yes, that is correct. There are 2 separate steps to complete to be fully certified.

How will training be provided?

11. *Is the training available in ILEAD?*
No, the training/certification are both housed in a separate training platform (RISE) and monitored by NORC. You will receive an email from NORC inviting you to join RISE and will then be able to log in at kri.norc.rise.com.
12. *When will the training be available?*
We will send reminders each year of the dates for training/practice testing and certification. All are available on those specific dates 24 hours a day/7 days a week so you can complete at the time that best fits your schedule.
13. *Who do I contact if I need help logging into training/certification or have KRI questions?*
You can email kri@norc.org and the help desk will respond.
14. *How do we tell NORC who will be completing assessments for our program?*
NORC will be sending an online survey late fall after enrollment is complete to programs with OMW children enrolled to identify who will be administering the KRI for each program.
15. *If I completed the training and certification in previous year(s), do I have to complete EACH year?*
No, if you have a certificate showing you are certified, you do not have to repeat the training/certification. There is a refresher course if you would like to take that, but it is not required.
16. *How will I know what children need to complete the KRI?*
OECOSL will send a list of enrolled students by program to NORC to load into the KRI platform. Then whoever is identified as the staff from your program will have access to those children only. If you choose to administer the KRI to other 4yo in the same OMW classroom, you will have to enter those children into the platform individually.

Certification

17. *Did you say if any special credentialing is required in order to give KRI?*
Only individuals who complete or have successfully completed both the training and the certification processes will be given access to the KRI to administer. NORC will verify who has access each fall when the online survey is completed.

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18. *Will there be another option for certification or only during that time frame?*

It is important to complete the certification process within the time frame it is offered between the training and when the KRI is administered for fidelity. Please complete all trainings and certifications within dates posted each year.

19. *What happens if we don't successfully complete the training/certification, and no one can administer the KRI for our program?*

Your program will be placed on probation and risk not being able to enroll On My Way Pre-K children for the next enrollment cycle. Please alert OECOSL or your County OMW Project Manager <https://navigate.onmywayprek.org/> if there are any issues completing the training/certification. An outside staff may be asked to complete the KRIs for your program.

20. *Can we use our training/certification hours for PTQ training hours?*

Yes, we are working on making sure the certificates you receive has the necessary information on them to be used for PTQ training hours.

Completing the KRI for OMW children

21. *What date will this need to be completed?*

There is approximately a 6-week window each year in the Spring (April/May) to complete the KRI.

22. *Am I to understand that the KRI doesn't need to be administered by the child's teacher?*

Whoever completes the training and certification for the KRI for your program is able to give the KRI to any OMWPK child enrolled – so that may or may not be the child's teacher. It is whomever your program chooses to train and certify.

23. *Can you start an assessment on a child and finish it another day?*

Yes, you can start and stop an assessment.

How many kits will we receive?

24. *We are a new program and have not administered the KRI in previous years. How do we get materials?*

Your OMW County Project manager <https://navigate.onmywayprek.org/> will deliver a kit to you and go over all the requirements.

25. *We have many classrooms in our program - will we still just receive 1 kit?*

Yes, at this time, we will only be providing each program with one kit. We do feel there is adequate time within the 6-week window to complete multiple KRI's with the same materials. Please contact your OMW Pre-K County Project manager if you feel you need additional materials.

26. *What if I can't find my kit or my kit is missing pieces?*

Please contact your OMW Pre-K County Project manager for direction and assistance. **PLEASE STORE MATERIALS IN A SAFE, WELL ADVERTIZED PLACE SO STAFF KNOW WHERE TO FIND**

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THEM EACH YEAR. THESE MATERIALS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. You may be asked to pay for replacement kits/pieces.

What Data will be available?

27. Will assessors be able to access/download their own raw data?

No, the state will receive the data and only aggregate data is received. The goal of the KRI is to assess children's oral language, literacy, and mathematics skills in the spring before kindergarten entry in the fall.

28. Can we get a copy of the results once testing is completed if parents ask?

There will be no child level data to share with parents from the KRI.