

## 1506: ADJUSTING FOR PREMATURITY

In determining eligibility for the SoonerStart program, the multidisciplinary team will adjust for prematurity for infants born prior to 37 weeks gestation. This adjustment will continue up until 24 months of age.

When testing an infant/child who was born prematurely, the team will need to compute the child's corrected age. This computation involves subtracting the amount of time (in months and days) the child was premature from the chronological age. This can be based on the discharge summary in the medical record when available, information from the referral source, or parent report.

See example below:

	Year	Month	Day
Date of testing	2009	10	12
Date of Birth	2008	8	8
Chronological Age	1	<del>2</del> (1)	<del>4</del> (34)
Adjustment for Prematurity		1	6
Corrected Age	1	0	28

For the BDI-2, the multidisciplinary evaluation team will need to make this calculation in order to arrive at the corrected "test age". If the infant is eligible by automatic qualifying condition, standardized testing is not completed to determine eligibility.

Families whose children do not qualify based on this adjustment should be assisted in accessing other community services such as Child Guidance services, Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT), etc., when available.