

## CQI Quick Sheet – Planning for Parent-Child Interaction Observation

**Requirement:** For all MIECHV families, a Parent-Child Interaction (PCI) observation is required once a year for each family with an age eligible child using an approved tool.

**What is changing:** Age eligibility requirements

- Old requirement: Any child under 6 years of age
- New requirement: Children between the ages of 3 months and 48 months

**What to report:** A PCI observation conducted using an approved tool

**Which tool do I use:** Follow model or program tool recommendations/requirements

**Where to report:** DAISEY – KS MIECHV Child Activities in the quarter the observation was completed.

**When should PCI observations be conducted?**

- Conduct one PCI observation annually, within the MIECHV reporting period of *October 1 to September 30*, for families with children 3 months to 48 months.
- PCI observations are not required from **birth up to the child’s 3-month birthday**. Observations completed *prior* to the child’s 3-month birthday or after the child turns 48 months *will not be* counted as this is outside of the required window.
- Please refer to the DAISEY Scheduling Report for specific eligibility dates for each caregiver.

Frequently Asked Questions	
What if a family enrolls prenatally?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCI observations will start appearing in the Scheduling Report for the caregiver within the reporting period when the child turns 3-months old.</li> <li>• Note: if a PCI observation is conducted prior to the child’s 3-month birthday, that observation will not be counted as a completed observation within DAISEY. Another observation will need to be conducted once the child turns 3 months old.</li> </ul>
What if the caregiver’s child turns 4 years old during the reporting period?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let’s consider an example where the caregiver’s child turns 4 years old on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. In this example, the caregiver/child is eligible for a PCI observation from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (<i>the beginning of the reporting period</i>) until approximately Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (<i>the end of the eligibility window for that specific caregiver/child</i>).</li> <li>• If a PCI observation is completed after the child turns 48 months old, that observation will not be counted as a completed observation within DAISEY.</li> </ul>
What if my program has different guidelines for when I complete the PCI?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may complete the MIECHV PCI observation at any time during the reporting year. Note that the reporting year for MIECHV is October 1 to September 30, and if a PCI observation is not completed in that timeframe, it will be designated as “missed.”</li> <li>• Your program may use more than one tool to assess parent-child interaction quality, but DAISEY only requires that a PCI observation using a validated and approved tool be reported. For instance, if your program uses KIPS and PICCOLO, it is only required that you report that a KIPS or PICCOLO was completed within the reporting period for each family – you may report either one.</li> <li>• For families with more than one child served by a program, DAISEY Benchmarks Report only requires one PCI annually for the primary caregiver, even if your program requires more than one. Conduct PCI observations according to program model standards, best practice, and consistent with recommended age range of the tool.</li> </ul>