

California Home Visiting Program
CHEERS Check-In (CCI)



Participant Name: _____ Participant ID: _____

Child Name: _____ Child DOB: ____/____/____

Please provide the CHEERS Check-In (CCI) scores for the child at the appropriate intervals. If this pregnancy resulted in a multiple birth, complete a separate form for each additional child.

*Date of screening: ____/____/____

Child type: Index child
 Non-index child

*Time points: Infancy 4 months Child 28 months
(check one) Infancy 10 months Child 34 months
 Toddler 16 months As needed
 Toddler 22 months

Note: HFA recommends completing this tool twice per year of the child’s life, from age 4 to 36 months.

CHEERS Check-In Scoring Items*

All items and domain scores are required, except for the non-existent items shaded in dark grey.
If HT Item 2 or EX Item 3 is “N/A”, you will be able to enter that in ETO.

Domain Name	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3	Domain Score
Cues (C)				
Holding/Touching (HT)				
Expression (EX)				
Empathy (EM)				
Rhythm/Reciprocity (RR)				
Smiles (S)				

*CCI Total Score _____

Notes:

CHEERS Check-In (CCI) Form Guidance

General Guidelines

- ❖ The purpose of this tool is to evaluate the quality of parent-child relationships using the CHEERS framework. The CCI is composed of 6 domains: Cues, Touching & Holding, Expression, Empathy, Rhythm & Reciprocity, and Smiles.
- ❖ The CCI tool and training materials can be accessed from Healthy Family America free of charge.
- ❖ CHVP recommends administration of the tool at 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, and 34 months of age. However, the site can administer the tool on an alternate schedule by selecting the “As needed” time point. HFA National Office recommends completing this tool twice per year of a child’s life, from age 4 months to age 36 months.
- ❖ If the pregnancy resulted in a multiple birth, complete a separate form for each additional child.
- ❖ Each form item required for federal and other mandated reporting is indicated by an asterisk (“*”).

Date of Assessment

- Record the date the CHEERS Check-In was administered.

Child Type

- If there was a multiple birth, then choose the child born first as the index child.

Time point

- Record the child’s age at the time the tool is administered. The time points were created by CHVP to correspond with the schedule suggested by HFA National Office. Sites are free to administer the CCI on an alternate schedule by selecting “As needed”.

Item Scores

- Each domain has 2-3 items, for a total of 16 items. Each item is rated on a 7 point scale. Two items of the CHEERS Check-In (HT2 and EX3) depend on a specific behavior to occur. These items have a “N/A” (not applicable) available in ETO in case the behavior does not occur.

Domain Scores

- Record the score for each of the six domains (C,H,E,E,R,S). The domain score is calculated by taking the average of the items within the domain. For items with an “N/A” option, omit that item from the calculation, and take the average of the rest of the items within the domain.

CCI Total Score

- Record total score, calculated by adding together the scores of the six domains.

Notes

- Provide any relevant notes about the administration of the CCI, including experiences that may have influenced observations and/or interviews (e.g., distractions in the environment, the mood of the parent and/or child, etc.).