What is the SEAM?

The SEAM is a functional tool for assessing social-emotional and behavior development in young children at risk for social-emotional delays or problems.

What information does the SEAM provide?

The SEAM provides in-depth information about skills and deficits to develop high quality and developmentally appropriate social-emotional goals for children receiving Tier 2 supports.

What do SEAM Questions look like?

When filling out the SEAM, you will check the box that best describes the child’s behavior. Options range from Very True to Not True. Then check the circle if this is an item of concern, and check the triangle if this item will become a focus area for the child.

What do I do after filling out the SEAM?

During coaching, you will use the SEAM to fill out the SEAM summary form and determine child goals based on items marked Concern and/or Focus Area.

What do I tell a child’s family about the SEAM?

“The SEAM is a tool that helps us take a look at your child’s social-emotional development. Items on the SEAM focus on skills children need in order to get along well with others, control their own emotions and behaviors, and develop a positive self-image. The SEAM can help us identify specific skills and behaviors we can work on with your child, and it can also help us find resources to support your child’s social-emotional development. Positive social-emotional skills help children to be successful in all areas of their lives.”

Is there anything else I should know before filling out a SEAM?

Consider the provided examples and think about the child’s behavior before selecting an answer. Examples are there to give ideas about how the behavior might look. It is okay if the child displays the behavior in a different way.

You may want to observe the child before answering some of the questions.

Answer each question based on your experiences and what you know about the child.