



Neuro-Developmental Assessments at PEP

Caregivers whose **adopted children** face social or cognitive challenges, attachment issues or who have been exposed to adverse experiences now have a new tool available to better support their youngsters. PEP's Neuro-developmental Assessments, using NMT[™], can provide insights to better guide interventions and help put families on the path to success.

What Is a Neuro-Developmental Assessment?

PEP's Neuro-developmental Assessments are conducted by a licensed clinician certified in NMT[™] and show how adversity or trauma may have impacted areas of the brain. The assessment, which can be conducted in person or virtually in Ohio:

- Examines both past and current functioning to show how the brain is organized today.
- Looks at developmental risk.
- Provides an easy-to-understand visual representation of the strengths and vulnerabilities of the child's brain.
- Assists in developing a plan of interventions and recommendations so that families, educators, and therapists know how to best meet the needs of the child.



What is NMT[™]?

Developed by Bruce Perry, Ph.D., NMT[™] is an evidenced-based, trauma-informed, brain-based approach to clinical problem solving. NMT[™]:

- Identifies how relationships and experiences shape the brain.
- Assesses the neurological development of a child.
- Identifies key strengths and primary challenges to guide individualized interventions that promote healing and growth.
- Emphasizes the power of safe, supportive relationships and nurturing experiences.

Who May Benefit from this Service?

Adopted children who:

- Have difficulty with emotional regulation.
- Have experienced trauma or neglect.
- Struggle with relationships.
- Have social and/or behavioral problems at school.



Who is Eligible for an Assessment?

Any pre-school through high school aged adopted child whose parent(s) are interested in better understanding how their child's challenges are related to brain development.

About PEP

Since 1971, Positive Education Program has been supporting young people to overcome and thrive. PEP provides direct and indirect services for children challenged by complex developmental trauma, mental health issues and autism, their families, and the professionals who support them. PEP is committed to understanding and overcoming the significant trauma and chronic stress experienced by many of the youth we serve. Programs include five PEP Therapeutic Schools, PEP Connections, PEP Early Childhood Plus and PEP Assist.

Contact Us

Contact Mary Bonamer, Ph.D, director, clinical programming and evaluation, at 216-361-7760 ext. 104 or via email at mbonamer@pepcleve.org to learn more or set up an assessment. Assessments are available for children in Ohio and can be conducted in person or virtually.

PEP accepts PASSS funding for Neuro-developmental Assessments.

PEP is a Phase II certified NMT™ site.



What Are the Benefits?

- Provides a clear picture of how a child's brain developed in response to experiences.
- Identifies both strengths and vulnerabilities, giving a balanced understanding of the child.
- Assists in identifying interventions that can help reorganize pathways impacted by neglect, adversity, and trauma.
- Guides families, schools and therapists in choosing developmentally appropriate strategies that truly fit the child's needs.
- Offers a blueprint for treatment planning, making next steps more focused and effective.
- Empowers caregivers with hope, direction, and practical strategies.