Assessments of Cognitive Abilities

Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence – 3rd Edition (WPPSI-III)

- **Purpose**
  - To provide a meaningful estimate of intellectual ability and cognitive processing in preschool and primary-aged children.

- **Description**
  - Seven tasks on the WPSSI-III combine to form a Full Scale score, which is considered the best estimate of a child’s intellectual functioning.

- **Ages**
  - 2 – 7

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children – 4th Edition (WISC-IV)

- **Purpose**
  - To provide a meaningful estimate of intellectual ability and cognitive processing in school-aged children.

- **Description**
  - The WISC-IV measures a child’s overall intellectual functioning by looking at four different areas, including Verbal Comprehension, Perceptual Reasoning, Working Memory, and Processing Speed.
  - These four different areas combine to make an overall global Full Scale score, which is considered the best estimate of the child’s intellectual functioning.

- **Ages**
  - 6 – 16

Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – 4th Edition (WAIS-IV)

- **Purpose**
  - To provide a meaningful estimate of intellectual ability and cognitive processing in high school-aged students and adults.

- **Description**
  - The WISC-IV measures a child’s overall intellectual functioning by looking at four different areas, including Verbal Comprehension, Perceptual Reasoning, Working Memory, and Processing Speed.
  - These four different areas combine to make an overall global Full Scale score, which is considered the best estimate of the child’s intellectual functioning.

- **Ages**
  - 16 – 90

Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test – 2nd Edition (KBIT-2)

- **Purpose**
  - To provide a quick yet relatively thorough estimate of intellectual ability and cognitive processing in school-aged children and adults.

- **Description**
  - The KBIT-2 assesses and compares verbal and nonverbal abilities. These yield a verbal and nonverbal score, that combine to form an overall score of intelligence.

- **Ages**
  - 4 – 90

Cognitive measures are used to assist with diagnosis, eligibility, placement, and decisions regarding interventions.