Assessment
The process by which attributes of phenomena are described and judged

**Description**
Measures are used to gather data on
- Intended or actual antecedents
- Procedures and settings
- Performance and outcomes
These data are analyzed and summarized without interpretation

**Judgements**
Interpretations of data (e.g., conclusions about causes, current and future status, impact, relationships)

**Identification**
Data are used to help find and label a person, environment, or both (e.g., to find and label problems)

**Selection**
Data are used to make decisions about general changes in status of person, environment, or both (e.g., placement in a special setting)

**Planning specific changes**
Data are used to decide about particular objectives and procedures to change a person, environment or both (e.g., specific plans and procedures)

**Evaluations of Interventions**
Data are used to decide about intervention efficacy (i.e., positive benefits and negative effects) for
- Particular persona, environment, or both
- All participants experiencing a specific type of intervention, or
- Society as a whole

**Classification / categorization**
(e.g., diagnosis)

**New intervention decisions**
- Different focal point for change or type of intervention
- Different objectives or procedures
- Reevaluation of efficacy

**Possible byproducts**

**Major functions or purposes**

**Figure Assessment Processes and Purposes**