

CARE FOR KIDS

EARLY IDENTIFICATION MATTERS

CHILD CARE PROVIDER RESOURCE GUIDE

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS
RECOMMENDS ALL CHILDREN BE SCREENED
FOR DEVELOPMENT ROUTINELY BETWEEN
BIRTH AND AGE THREE

AT AGES



9 MONTHS



18 MONTHS



24-30 MONTHS

OR ANYTIME THERE IS A CONCERN

1 IN 4 CHILDREN ARE AT RISK FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY

Outcomes for those with disabilities can be largely
increased with early intervention



85% of brain development
occurs before the age of three



Less than 30% of children with
developmental disabilities are
detected with milestones

Only 25% of those eligible prior
to starting school for early
intervention are detected &
enrolled in services



Only 39% of healthcare
providers use a standardized
developmental screening

Don't assume a child is receiving
screening at the doctor.
Care may not be consistent or
routinely provided

Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive!

DEFINITIONS

SCREENING

Snapshot of child's development
to check if on track

DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

A professional completes to
determine if eligible for
intervention services

ONGOING ASSESSMENT

Ongoing process including
observation that provides information
about development over time to
inform curriculum decisions

IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING & ASSESSMENT

- ▶ IOWA ESSENTIALS PRESERVICE MODULE 12 > UNDERSTANDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- ▶ IOWA UPDATED QRS> LEVEL 2 CENTERS AND ABOVE ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

- ▶ Nationwide 31% of children 9 to 35 months received developmental screening
- ▶ States range from 60% to 16% completion
- ▶ Iowa ranks as #34 in the nation with 28% screening completion

IF SCREENING IS NOT COMPLETED IN THE CENTER:

- ▶ Refer to Care for Kids for free developmental screening
- ▶ Have parent ask child's doctor for full developmental screen

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GOAL:

All children will reach their full potential

NEED:

There are gaps and challenges in early identification and referral

ANSWER:

Coordinated system of screening and referral

LEADING TO:

More children identified;
More children receive early intervention

MAKING A REFERRAL

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

- ▶ Provides parent with parent-completed screening tool matched with child's age after consent
- ▶ Communicate results to parent along with areas of strength and concern
- ▶ Connect families to resources, supports and services

REFERRAL

BIRTH TO THREE YEARS

- ▶ Referral by childcare provider or other professional
- ▶ Referral by parent

THREE TO FIVE YEARS

- ▶ Recommend referral by parent
- ▶ Childcare provider can assist parent with this process

AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

- ▶ **Early ACCESS @ Mississippi Bend AEA**
Birth to Three Years

AEA staff will contact family to conduct evaluation in the home

- ▶ **Child Find @ Mississippi Bend AEA**
Three to Five Years

AEA staff will contact family to set an appointment at AEA building



TIPS FOR TALKING WITH PARENTS

- ▶ Calm fears about screening while being sensitive to opinions and cultures
- ▶ Explain screening process and that the results are a snapshot and not a diagnosis
- ▶ Express the importance of early intervention for school readiness
- ▶ Explain their options
- ▶ Go over next steps
- ▶ Follow-up with parent

Resource to help select screening tool:

<https://screeningtime.org/star-center/#/screening-tools>

Other Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

<https://www.vroom.org/>

<http://readyby4th.org/ready4k/>

<http://www.iafamilysupportnetwork.org/>

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