

Why Developmental Screening Is Important

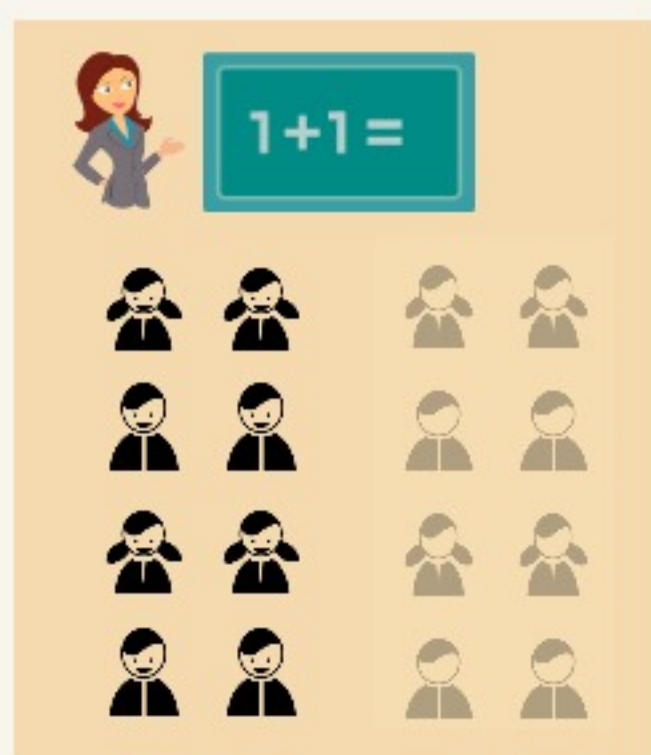
Developmental screening helps parents support their children's healthy growth and development.

What is developmental screening?



Developmental screening is a way parents, pediatricians and others can identify children who might be at risk of developmental delays or behavioral problems. These issues can affect a child's ability to do well in school.

LESS THAN HALF of children with developmental or behavioral problems are identified before they arrive at school.



- 15% of children 3-17 years of age have developmental or behavioral problems.
- 56% of children who arrive at kindergarten are behind in developmental skills according to their parents and teachers.

How developmental screening helps

- Screening helps us find children who need help before getting to kindergarten.
- WITHOUT the use of formal screening tools, only 30% of children with developmental problems are identified.
- WITH the use of a formal screening tool, 70-80% of children with developmental problems can be identified.

When Children Should Be Screened



The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening in the primary care setting at 9, 18, and 24 or 30 months.

Developmental screening at the pediatrician's office, in an early care and education setting, or at home using a parent questionnaire can support the healthy growth and development of ALL children.

How Can Help Me Grow Help?



Call 1-800-505-7000

Help Me Grow at Child Development Infoline helps you take an active role in tracking your child's development from birth to five years by sending Ages & Stages Questionnaires for you to complete at home. You'll also get fun activities to support your child's communication, motor, problem-solving and personal social development at home.

When you sign up, we'll mail you a questionnaire every few months. Just by answering a few questions, you can keep track of your child's development from 4 months to 5 years - the most important time to get your child ready to succeed in school and in life. After you return each questionnaire, we'll contact you with information about your child's development.

Just call Help Me Grow at Child Development Infoline to participate in this free developmental screening program.



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