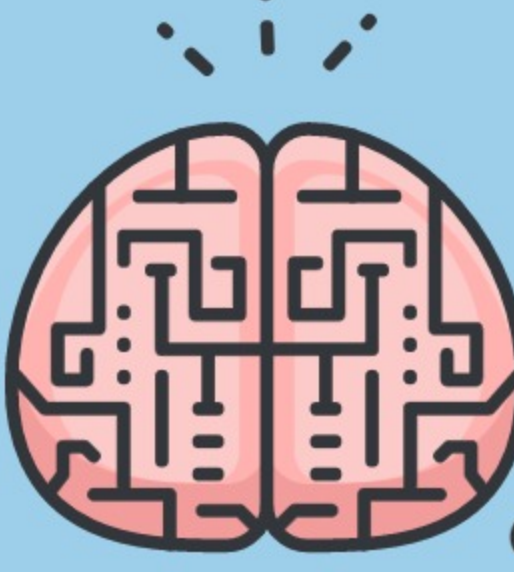



# A Healthy Beginning for Louisiana Kids: Developmental & Behavioral Screenings Boost Child Success




Nearly  
**85%**  
of the brain's  
development happens in  
the first five years of life


Infants and toddlers grow and gain skills  
in many areas at the same time!




big & small  
muscles




problem  
solving



social &  
emotional




speech &  
language



**Developmental  
Screening**

a short test to tell if a  
child is learning basic  
skills when he or she  
should, or if there are  
any delays.




**CHILDREN**

All children in Louisiana should receive developmental screenings as part of a well-child visit, and any time a parent has a concern, or when a change is noted. Acting early will make a difference!

Routine Screenings of your child's development during a health care visit can help guide referrals to services needed, which will result in better outcomes. Ask your child's doctor for a screening.







**PROVIDERS**

Your child's doctor should be screening his or her physical health, oral health, mental health, and developmental health during his or her check up.

Pediatricians recommend all children be screened regularly between birth and age 5.





**FAMILY MEMBERS**

You know your child better than anyone else. The best person to track your child's development is YOU! Talk with your child's doctor about completing a developmental screening.

**42%**  
of Louisiana  
parents  
report having  
concerns about  
their child's  
development.



Do you have  
concerns  
about your  
child?

**Start a  
conversation with  
your child's doctor!**

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