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!

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**42%** of Louisiana parents report having concerns about their child’s development. Start a conversation with your child’s doctor!

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**References:**
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- www.childhealthdata.org
- www.idea.data.org

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Do you need help finding resources in your area? Contact us!
Developmental Screening Coordinator
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