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Explore Louisiana provider tools for streamlined implementation of EPSDT screening services

*Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines* and *Developmental Screening Toolkit*

Discuss resources available from the Academy of Pediatrics and customized technical assistance options available through the Bureau of Family Health.
Why Developmental Screening?

- Louisiana ranks #1 with the highest percentage of Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) in the country 0-17 yrs
  - 24.2% LA/18.9 US CYSHCN
  - 29.6% of CYSHCN live under the FPL

- Louisiana ranks 3rd in the nation with the percentage of Children with a Mental, Emotional, Developmental or Behavioral Problem 3-17 yrs
  - 29% LA/22.1 US
  - 42% of these children live under the FPL

- Less than 1/3 of Louisiana's children (9 through 35 months) received a parent-completed developmental screening in the past year
  - 29% LA/36.4 US
Children's Healthcare Quality Measures

Percentage of Children Screened for Risk of Developmental, Behavioral, and Social Delays Using a Standardized Screening Tool Preceding or on their First, Second, or Third Birthday, FFY 2018 (LA hybrid report 411 chart audits)

- LA Medicaid/CHIP 18.3% /28 states reporting/32.7% median

Percentage of children who received six or more well-visits by 15 months

- LA Medicaid/CHIP 59.7%/48 states reporting/median 64%

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*National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) 2018/19. Large sample, parent report survey. NSCH provides data on physical and mental health, access to quality health care, and the child's family, neighborhood, school, and social context. Funded and directed by the Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau.*
Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines Streamlined Implementation Starts Here!

Updated Dec '2020!
4 Great Reasons for Developmental Screening Quality Improvement

1. Early Identification + Referral = Early Intervention
   Timely intervention = maximum outcome benefit

2. Follows best-practice/evidence-based guidelines

3. New reimbursement stream for Medicaid providers

4. Clinic quality improvement (QI) projects qualify for MCO4 credits
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Assess & Plan

- Assess Clinic Screening Services
- Assess Processes & Protocols
- Assess Staff Capacity & Training needs
- Plan your project!
Training

Team Training Supports Your Project Goals
- Implementing a new screen?
  - Why screening matters
  - Instrument scoring
  - Making referrals when risk is identified
- Improving an existing process/service?
  - Quality improvement techniques
  - Orientation to new processes
- Increasing completed referrals?
  - Talking with families
  - Referral guides
  - BFH Family Resource Center
Implementation

Plan Do Study Act Cycles

Plan: identify a change to test and make a prediction
Do: conduct the test and collect data
Study: analyze data & summarize results
Act: Adapt - Adopt - Abandon
Second Half of Screening Practice...

Where to refer and point families?

Developmental Screening Resource Guides

- General & Social Emotional Development
- Autism
- Family Wellness/Barriers to Health
Autism Spectrum

Baton Rouge, Bossier, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster Parishes.

A screen that indicates risk is not a diagnosis! A screen that indicates risk means that further evaluations by a specialist are needed. Evaluations will help determine if a child needs early intervention services and supports.

**Family Resources**

- Partners for Family Health: Find health resources and services offered by the Bureau of Family Health at partnersforfamilyhealth.org
- Families Helping Families Region 7: Peer support and resource image for families in Northwest Louisiana, 1-877-336-4644, fhhps.org
- Head Start/Early Head Start: Promotes school readiness for low-income families. Eligibility and enrollment information for Louisiana can be found at benefits.gov/benefits/314
- GAPMAP Autism: Enter zip code to find local resources, gapmap.stanford.edu

**Mobile Applications**

- Milestone Tracker: Track your child's milestones and share with therapists and doctors.
- VROOM: Turn everyday moments into brain building activities for children ages 5-5 years, johnsoncenter.org

**Recommended Resources**

- EarlySteps: Intervention Services for children 5-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact 800-496-0900 or 318-743-7443, earlysteps.louisiana.edu
- Specialist/Subspecialist Referral: Provider locator tools are available on the Healthy Louisiana website, map.louisiana.gov/health
- Regional Resource Guides: A comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state, ldh.la.gov/ehr
- Easter Seals Louisiana: Nonprofit healthcare organization for individuals living with a disability, easterseals.com/louisiana
- Exceptional Lives: A website that helps families find services and apply for disability benefits, exceptional.org/louisiana
- Northwest Louisiana Human Services District: List of resources for relevant health services. Northwest Louisiana, 318-676-5111, hsdld.org
- Behavioral Specialists of Louisiana: Evaluations and services in Shreveport, behavioralservicesoflouisiana.com
- LSU Shreveport Children's Center: Evaluations in Shreveport, 318-813-2960, shc louisiana.edu
- Center for Autism and Related Disorders: Evaluations, services, and resources in Shreveport, centerforautisms.com
- Odyssey Foundation's Autism Resource Center: Help with resources and referrals, odysseyfoundation.org
- Holy Angels' Autism Center: Help families find services, holyangels.org
- Family Resource Center: Provides linkage and system navigation for community resources, 504-699-1340, dhh-famicresourcecenter@la.gov

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https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4067
Louisiana Developmental Screening Resources: 0-5 years

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Recommended Resources
- EarlySteps: Intervention services for children 0-5 years of age with developmental delays and disabilities. Contact 866-494-4LDS or visit ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/directory/detail/676/carp.ang
- Specialist/Subspecialist Referral: Provider locators. Healthy Louisiana website, myplan.healthy.la.

Mobile Applications
Turn everyday moments into brain building activities for children 0-5 years of age. Learn more at myrom.org.
Family Resources

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**Milestone Tracker:** Track your children’s milestones and share with teachers and doctors

**Sesame Street and Autism:** Interactive routine cards, storybooks, and videos

[Download on the App Store](http://App Store) [Google Play](http://Google Play)
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- **Regional Resource Guides**: A comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state, ldh.la.gov/cshs

- **Easter Seals Louisiana**: Nonprofit healthcare organization for individuals living with a disability, easterseals.com/Louisiana

- **Exceptional Lives**: A website that helps families find services and apply for disability benefits, exceptionallives.org/louisiana

- **Northwest Louisiana Human Services District**: List of resources for relevant health services Northwest Louisiana, 318-676-5111, nlhsd.org

- **Behavioral Specialists of Louisiana**: Evaluations and services in Shreveport, behaviormalspecialistsiofla.com

- **LSU Shreveport Children’s Center**: Evaluations in Shreveport, 318-813-2960, lshs_chshreveport.edu

- **Center for Autism and Related Disorders**: Evaluations, services, and resources in Shreveport, centerforautism.com

- **Odyssey Foundation’s Autism Resource Center**: Help with resources and referrals, odysseyfoundationla.org

- **Holy Angels’ Autism Center**: Help families find services, laholyangels.org

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**Technical Assistance (TA)**

**Bureau of Family Health**
- Customized TA, Title V supported, no cost to practices!
- Online toolkit, trainings, state specific resources

**American Academy of Pediatrics**
- Screening Time/STAR Center (Screening TA and Resources)
- Virtual Library of tools and resources
- Simulations/trainings
Implementation Training & Support

The Bureau of Family Health offers trainings and resources to Louisiana providers that can help enhance and expand their clinical services. Our team of experts is available to develop a tailored plan to fulfill your clinic’s needs, and can meet in-person or virtually to provide technical assistance. We use a quality improvement framework that helps embed continuous improvement into your practice. We provide trainings on the following topics:

- Developmental screening
- Care coordination
- Youth health transition

These trainings and resources are available at no cost. If you’re interested in learning more, please complete the information below and email it to livetscreen@la.gov. We will contact you to provide more information and schedule a training.

Step 1: Tell Us Your Interests

Check the following areas you are interested in for each of the topic areas.

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*Implementation training can be done in-person or virtually. Training includes:
- Project planning
- Staff training
- Process mapping
- Implementation Assistance

Step 2: Tell Us About Your Practice

Provide the following information about your clinic. We will contact you using your preferred method of communication.

Clinic: ___________________________  Contact Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________  Contact’s Role: ___________________________
City: ___________________________  Phone: ___________________________
Clinic Name: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________
Clinic Owner: ___________________________  Preference: ☐ Phone  ☐ Email

For more information, please contact the Developmental Screening Coordinator at 504-586-5504 or at livetscreen@la.gov.
Questions
Bureau of Family Health
Provider Resource Links

- LDH.LA.GOV/DevScreenToolkit
- PartnersforFamilyHealth.org
- Developmental Screening Toolkit Worksheets
- Developmental Screening Referral Guides:
  https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/4067
- BFH TA Options Form:
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