



# DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SCREENING AND REFERRAL

## DID YOU KNOW?

The CDC estimates **1 in 6 children (3-17 years) have a developmental disability**, but less than half are identified before they start school.

## FOUR STEPS TO EARLY IDENTIFICATION



1. Family-engaged developmental monitoring



3. Referrals for needed supports and services



2. Developmental screening



4. Receipt of needed services

## STRATEGIES FOR MONITORING DEVELOPMENT

- Use the “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” materials and app yourself
- Have checklists of development milestones and encourage families to track skills at home
- Build in materials around your clinic spaces
- Discuss concerns with families as early as possible:
  - Interventions are more likely to be effective
  - Early Intervention can change a child’s developmental path
  - Most adaptability during the first 3 years of life
  - Families can feel more confident and better prepared as their children age

## AAP SURVEILLANCE AND SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Surveillance at every health supervision visit
- Administer standardized screening tests at 9, 18, and 24/30-month visits
- ASD-specific screening at the 18 and 24-month visits
- Concerns elicited by surveillance at any visit should trigger screening or referral

## RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES IN NEED OF EARLY INTERVENTION:



<https://ohioearlyintervention.org>  
Call: 1-800-755-4769



Visit the CDC’s *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* website:

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



## Developmental Delay/Disorder

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*noun*

Group of conditions characterized by an impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas resulting in functional limitations in major life activities

## COMMON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- ASD
- Blindness
- Cerebral Palsy (CP)
- Moderate to profound hearing loss
- Learning Disability (LD)
- Intellectual Disability (ID)
- Seizures
- Stuttering



**Find additional preventive health resources at:**

<https://ohioaap.org/education-cme-moc-ii/preventive-health-program/>