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
2. Developmental screening
3. Referrals for needed supports and services
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

Find additional preventive health resources at:
https://ohioaap.org/education-cme-moc-ii/preventive-health-program/

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

Visit the CDC’s Learn the Signs. Act Early. website:
https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly