**Why Developmental Screening Is Important**

Developmental screening helps parents support their children's healthy growth and development.

**What is developmental screening?**
Developmental screening is a way parents, pediatricians and others can identify children who might be at risk of developmental delays or behavioral problems. These issues can affect a child’s ability to do well in school.

**LESS THAN HALF** of children with developmental or behavioral problems are identified before they arrive at school.

13% of children 3-5 years of age have developmental or behavioral problems.

54% of children who arrive at kindergarten are behind in developmental skills assessed by their parents and teachers.

**How developmental screening helps**

- 60% of children with developmental problems are identified without the use of formal screening tools.
- 50% of children with developmental problems are identified with the use of formal screening tools.

When **Children Should Be Screened**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening in the primary care setting at 9, 18, and 24 to 36 months.

Developmental screening at the pediatrician’s office, in an early care and education setting, or at home using a parent questionnaire can support the healthy growth and development of ALL children.

**How Can Help Me Grow Help?**

**Call 1-800-505-7000**

Help Me Grow of Child Development Infants helps you take an active role in introducing your child’s development from birth to five years by providing Ages & Stages Questionnaires for steps to complete at home. You will also get in touch to support your child’s communicative, motor, problem-solving and personal social development at home.

When you sign up, we’ll mail a questionnaire every few months. Just answering a new question, you can keep track of your child’s development from 4 months to 5 years. The most important time to get your child’s growth involved in school and life. After you fill in each questionnaire, you’ll contact you with information about your child’s development.

Just call Help Me Grow at Child Development Infants to participate in this free developmental screening program.

**Sources:**
- Levine et al., Pediatr. 1993; 92:649-655