





Importance of Developmental Monitoring & Screening

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Objectives

- Participants will understand the purposes of developmental monitoring, developmental screening, and how the two are complimentary
- Participants will understand the purpose behind the CDC & the AAP revising developmental milestones in 2021
- Participants will increase their knowledge about the LTSAE materials and resources available at no cost.





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concerned What is Developmental Monitoring? acts and moves.

- Ongoing process that starts at birth
- Empowers caregivers with knowledge about typical development & when to be
- Tracks how a child plays, learns, speaks,
- Parental concerns about child development are <u>highly predictive</u> of true developmental problems (Poon, LaRosa & Pai, 2010)

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Learn the Signs. Act Early.

- Collaborative effort between the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) & the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- Free resources to track developmental milestones for children birth to 5 years
- Free resources to help foster development in children
- Aids caregivers to identify and communicate any developmental concerns to professionals







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Revisions?

- Incorporate feedback from over 15 years of use
- Where are 15- and 30-month checklists?
- Vague ("may", "begins")
- "How many milestones can be missing without being concerned?"
- Are only the "warning signs" important?
- Are these milestones MOST children do by this age?







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Changes to the LTSAE Resources

- Updated nearly all developmental milestones
- Adjusted milestones to reflect what is expected for most children to achieve (>75%) to prevent "watch and wait"
- Developed 15- and 30-month milestone checklists
- Revised and expanded the tips and activities to support children's development for all ages
- Added open-ended questions to help facilitate conversations with healthcare providers and others



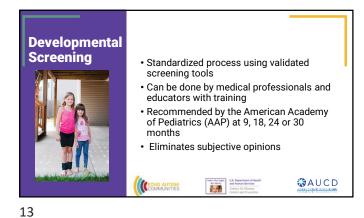


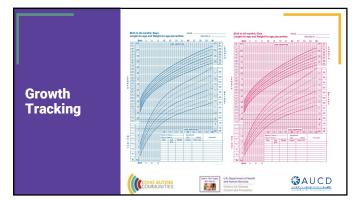
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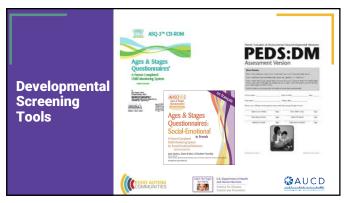
"Red flags/warning signs" are now embedded within the milestones to reduce confusion about when to "take action" Redesigned the Milestone Moments booklet, adding a new screening "passport", and refreshed the design of the milestone checklists, promotional milestones brochure, and gameboard poster











When do you need a formal screening?

- ✓ Regular screening is best throughout the course of a child's early development
- ✓ Follow the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines
 - ➤ Global Developmental Screening at 9,18, and 24 or 30 months
 - ➤ Autism screening at 18 & 24 months
- ✓ Anytime a caregiver has a concern







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Making Milestones Matter for Missouri

- Share these resources with friends and family!
- Increase developmental screening for children 0-5 years of age
- Empowers families with knowledge about developmental milestones
 - Especially for younger siblings of children who already have a diagnosis of ASD
- Foster family-professional partnerships







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