# Developmental Screening in Pennsylvania

## What

A developmental screening is a series of questions about the development of a young child to help identify the presence of any delays. Early identification of developmental delays can drive supports and services to help a child reach his or her full potential.

## When

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children be screened routinely between birth and age three.

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Screening</th>
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<td>24-30 months</td>
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## Why

Data from 2014 suggests... fewer than half of Pennsylvania’s children enrolled in CHIP and Medicaid receive developmental screenings helping to identify early delays and make referrals for appropriate services such as early intervention, nutrition, and health care.

## How

In partnership, parents and other family caregivers, health care and early learning providers can conduct a developmental screening using a validated tool, the results of which can drive referrals to appropriate services.

- Parents & Families
- Health Care Clinicians
- Early Learning Professionals

## 1 in 10 PA kids

may experience a delay in one or more aspect of their growth.

The brain is 85% developed by age 3.

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