

Wondering About ...

# Developmental Assessments

As a parent you may feel the need to have your child's development assessed. Or you may have recently been asked for permission for various screenings or assessments of your child. These resources will help you to understand what developmental assessments are, why they are used, and what your role should be in the process.

## Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project (HEIP)

[www.heartland.edu/heip](http://www.heartland.edu/heip)

The Heartland Equity and Inclusion Project is designed to ensure early childhood professionals have the knowledge and skills required to support the diverse development and learning needs of young children and their families in high-quality, inclusive classroom communities. These resource pages provide a tool for teachers to use to support families faced with questions about early childhood.

**Developmental Monitoring and Screening.** Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/screening.html>

This article from the CDC provides basic information to answer the when, where, why and how of medical and educational screenings.

**Tips for Your Child's Developmental Assessment.** by Barbara Popper. Zero to Three.

[http://main.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?jsessionid=1554F4036EBA6BEDDA279DCD928BA95F.app258c?pagename=ter\\_key\\_childdevt\\_assessment](http://main.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?jsessionid=1554F4036EBA6BEDDA279DCD928BA95F.app258c?pagename=ter_key_childdevt_assessment)

This handout provides tips to help you prepare for a developmental assessment of your child. It offers advice on how you can be a full participating partner in the process

**Make the First Five Count.** Easter Seals.

[http://es.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntlc10\\_mffc\\_homepage](http://es.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntlc10_mffc_homepage)

Easter Seals, through their "Make the First Five Count" campaign, provides free access to the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). School and community screening programs frequently use this instrument to identify children with developmental delays. Parents are encouraged to use it at home to screen their own preschool child to determine if their child's development is on schedule.

**Developmental Screening Fact Sheet.** Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

[http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents\\_pdfs/developmentalscreening.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/developmentalscreening.pdf)

This fact sheet from the CDC, available in English and Spanish, provides basic information on developmental screenings.

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