Developmental and Behavioral Screening and Support: A Federal Perspective

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ODAS-ECD’s Goals

- Building successful early learning and development systems across Head Start, child care, home visiting, and pre-K

- Promoting high quality and accountable early learning and development programs for all children

- Ensuring an effective early childhood workforce

- Promoting family support and engagement in children’s development

- Improving health and safety of early learning and development programs
Developmental Trajectories

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The Partners

Administration for Children and Families

Administration for Community Living

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Health Resources and Services Administration

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Office of Special Education Programs, Department of Education
Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive!

Coordinated public outreach campaign to promote awareness of child development and developmental and behavioral screening, referral, and follow-up.

• Celebrating developmental milestones
• Promoting universal developmental behavioral screening
• Improving early detection
• Enhancing developmental supports
1. **A compendium** that reviews implementation, reliability and validity characteristics of screening instruments

2. **User guides**, designed for providers from multiple sectors and the communities in which they live

3. **Collection of resources** to bring awareness to parents and providers about healthy child development
Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive! Compendium

- First line screening instruments for children, birth to 5 years
- Pertinent information includes cost, administration time, quality level, training required, and age range covered
- Reference for early care and education providers, pediatricians, home visitors, child welfare case workers, mental health professionals, early intervention specialists, and various others
Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive! User Guides

Early Care and Education Providers
Early Intervention Service and Early Childhood Special Education Providers
Families
Primary Care Providers
Communities
Child Welfare
Home Visitors
Behavioral Health Providers
Housing and Homeless Shelter Providers
Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive! Resources

• Information on developmental milestones
• Every day tips for caregivers to promote healthy development
• Fact sheets on specific developmental disabilities or delays
• Milestone checklists and tracking tools
• Learning modules for providers
• Screening passport for families
• Guidance for finding help locally
Highlighted ACF Investments that Support Screening Efforts

- Caring for Our Children Basics: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education Settings
- Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014
- Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance
- Head Start Programs
- Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting
- Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge
Resources

• ACF Early Childhood Development
  http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd

• Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive!
  www.hhs.gov/watchmethrive

• Learn the Signs, Act Early
  www.cdc.gov/ActEarly

• Caring for Our Children Basics: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education Settings