



**Promoting Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life:
Lessons from Illinois
Companion Resource Guide**

Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life (DEV) Measure and Technical Assistance on Reporting the Measure

[Measure Specification](#) detailing how to calculate the DEV measure including numerators and denominators. This measure is part of the [CMS Child Core Measure Set](#).

[Presentation](#) “Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life: Understanding How to Collect and Use the Child Core Set Measure” webinar that offers states technical assistance on how to report the DEV measure (CMS and partners, June 2013).

[Links to Resources to Measure and Track Performance](#) on the developmental screening measure including “Coaching Practices on Using the 96110” and “Office Report Tools” (Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership).

[Fact Sheet](#) about the CMS Technical Assistance and Analytic Support Center which can offer support to states in collecting, reporting, and using measures for three core sets of Medicaid/CHIP quality measures: Adult, Child, and Health Home.

Federal Resources to Improve Developmental Screening

[Birth to 5: Watch me Thrive!](#) is a coordinated federal effort to encourage healthy child development, universal developmental and behavioral screening for children, and support for the families and providers who care for them. The website lists [research based developmental screening tools](#) and guides for various audiences to address the importance of screening. A [Fact Sheet](#) provides more information about the program.

[CMS Informational Bulletin](#) “*Prevention and Early Identification of Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions in Children*” to help inform states about resources available to help them meet the needs of children under EPSDT, specifically with respect to mental health and substance use disorder services.

[State Medicaid Director Letter](#) on the integrated use of trauma-focused screening, functional assessments and evidence-based practices (EBPs) in child-serving settings for the purpose of improving child well-being.

Illinois Resources Around Developmental Screening

["Handbook for Providers of Healthy Kids Services"](#) is the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services EPSDT policy document. It includes ODS specific policies such as a list of approved tools, process to get tools approved and reimbursement info (March 2017).

[CHIP Annual Report](#): shows how Illinois reports the data reported to CMS.

[CHIPRA Child Core Set Data Book](#) shows how Illinois publicly reports the Child Core Set measures. (Find the most recent data book [here](#))

Standardized Illinois Early Intervention referral forms

- [Informational notice to providers](#)
- [Referral form](#)
- [Feedback form](#)

NASHP Resources to Improve Developmental Screening

[EPSDT State Resource Compendium](#), developed with support from CMS, includes state-specific efforts on developmental and behavioral screenings.

[The Assuring Better Child Health and Development Publications Library](#) includes publications from all four ABCD programs, and provides tools, resources, and lessons on these critical success factors.

In May of 1999 the National Academy for State Health Policy and The Commonwealth Fund launched the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) Program. Over the course of a decade, 25 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico made many policy changes and improvements that strengthen the systems supporting healthy child development. Among the key priorities and accomplishments, **ABCD states increased the proportion of children receiving developmental screening in the first three years of life.**

ABCD states tested a number of different policy levers and strategies. NASHP catalogued and analyzed the state initiatives that yielded lessons, recommendations, and tools to be shared across states. Critical factors that led to state successes include:

- State Medicaid agencies as an important driver of systems change;
- Partnerships across child-serving systems, providers, and support services to improve child development;
- Leadership and engagement of physicians;
- Engagement of families as partners in services, programs, and policies;
- Improvements at policy and practice levels that support and reinforce each other;
- Use of data to demonstrate results and build support for sustainability; and

- Learning collaboratives as a forum for sharing and learning across states.

[Making the Case](#), a compilation which provides an overview of relevant findings from the science of early childhood development, such as a comprehensive on-line bibliography and reports that draw on current research to develop strategies for state and local programs and policies (Last updated in 2012).

[*Building Electronic Information-Sharing Systems to Support Care Coordination in Illinois*](#)

This brief focuses on electronic information-sharing systems that Illinois is building or adapting to improve care coordination for children with or at risk of developmental delays. Illinois is poised to improve care coordination by implementing an electronic referral initiation and feedback system. These system changes have implications for information sharing to support care coordination statewide and for other populations.

[*ABCD Screening Academy Progress Report: Improving the Identification of Young Children At-Risk for Developmental Delay*](#)

This publication summarizes the progress of ABCD Screening Academy participating states toward policy and practice improvement during the first phase of the project.

[*State Policy Improvements that Support Effective identification of Children At-Risk for Developmental Delay*](#)

ABCD states changed state statutes, state regulations, health plan contracts, provider manuals, Web sites, and other documents that define state policies designed to improve the delivery of child development services. They also changed eligibility and claims processing systems to implement the policies described in the documents, conducted quality improvement projects designed to assess performance and foster change, and helped providers better understand new and existing policies through workshops, letters to providers and other means. These states made changes not only to Medicaid policies, but also to those governing related programs, such as early intervention and maternal and child health programs. This briefing is first in a series of Findings from the ABCD Screening Academy.

[*State Strategies that Support Effective Identification of Children At-Risk for Developmental Delay*](#)

This second in a series of state health policy briefings reports on ABCD Screening Academy efforts to support practice change. Examination of their efforts found that states used a variety of strategies to support practice change. While states vary in their approach, a consistent theme is collaboration between state agencies and primary care providers delivering preventive services. Overall, members were more likely to use workshops, explanatory material such as brochures and posters, and in-office training to support the adoption of validated screening tools in primary care.

[*Measurement to Support Effective Identification of Children at Risk of Developmental Delay*](#)

This State Health Policy Briefing, the third in a series, examines the efforts of the 21 Screening Academy members to produce meaningful data to make the case for change,

develop training targeted to primary care provider needs, and assess whether changes produced the intended effect.

[*The Enduring Influence of the Assuring Better Child Health and Development \(ABCD\) Initiative*](#)

This report offers lessons, strategies, and policies learned over the past 12 years through the ABCD initiative. It provides an overview of the focus and priorities of the ABCD initiative, a high-level snapshot of impact and critical success factors that can contribute to making a difference in the health and development of young children.

[*Toolboxes for Clinicians*](#)

The Clinician Toolboxes that are featured on this site contain information for primary care providers interested in promoting the use of structured developmental screening in their office practices. Each toolbox contains information about key activities related to developmental screening such as a discussion of screening tools, coding and reimbursement, and practice guidelines.