Developmental Screening Campaign News from Exceed!



Rhode Island's Developmental Screening Campaign



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The Rhode Island Departments of Education and HEALTH are working together to communicate to families the importance of regular developmental screening for children ages birth to five. We hope you will be a part of promoting this important initiative to support healthy child development!

What You Need to Know

Between the ages of birth and 3 years the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnoses, and Treatment schedule (EPSDT) recommends children be screened by a pediatrician at 9, 18, and 30 months. Between the ages of 3 and 5, local school district Child Outreach providers are available to conduct

full screenings each year before children start kindergarten. Families and caregivers should be directed to the <u>families page at exceed.ri.gov</u> where they can find out more about developmental milestones, the importance of regular developmental screenings, when children should be screened, and how to access a screening.

Download and Share

Materials created specifically for families are being distributed via home visiting programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and other agencies that work closely with families of young children. The family kit includes an informational brochure, a milestones road map and booklet, and information regarding BrightStars. Materials from the screening kits are available for download and printing in the resources section of the developmental screening website. To access the developmental screening website, please visit the families page at exceed.ri.gov.



Getting the word out

Please help us spread the word about the importance of developmental milestones and developmental screening! <u>Use the media center</u> to find sample social media posts and other resources that will help you spread the word on Facebook and Twitter.



If you would like more information about the developmental screening campaign, milestones, or additional resources, please connect with Education Specialist <u>Judi Stevenson-Garcia</u> at the Rhode Island Department of Education.