

## Why Screen and Refer for Developmental Delay?

- The American Academy of Pediatrics reports that 12-15% of all children have some type of emotional or behavioral problems or developmental delays.
- In Colorado alone, approximately 35,000 children under age 3 are affected by those challenges.<sup>1</sup>

### Guidelines for Screening

<p><b>Developmental Screening</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen all children with a standardized developmental screening tool at the 9, 18, and 24 or 30-month well-child check (WCC).<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Social-Emotional Screening</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct social-emotional screening particularly when a general or autism-specific screening demonstrates concerns, or when a child exhibits concerning behavior.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>Autism Screening</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screen all children with a Standardized Autism screening tool such as the M-CHAT-R at 18 and 24 months.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• For more information, visit: <a href="http://m-chat.org">m-chat.org</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Lead Screening</b></p>	<p>For all low-income children eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program), Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), or the Colorado Indigent Care Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months.</li> <li>• Conduct a blood lead test if the child is between 36 and 72 months and has not been previously screened for lead.<sup>3</sup></li> </ul> <p>For all children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a risk assessment at the 6, 9, 18, 36, 48, 60, and 72-month well-child check if an assessment has not been conducted before or if the risk has changed.</li> <li>• If the risk assessment is positive, conduct a lead screen.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

1. Both statistics pulled from “A Decade of Development” white paper. Colorado numbers are from Department of Local Affairs.  
 2. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Colorado’s Lead Screening Recommendations (2008).  
 3. American Academy of Pediatrics’ Bright Futures Guidelines for Health Supervision.



## Where do I refer a child/family that has a concerning result?

<b>Birth up to 3 years of age</b>	<p><b>Early Intervention at Colorado Bluesky Enterprises</b>                      Phone: (719) 583-2459      Fax: (719) 542-3522</p> <p><b>Referral form can be found at:</b>  <a href="http://bit.ly/398KxsB">bit.ly/398KxsB</a></p>
<b>3 to 21 years of age</b>	<p><b>Pueblo City Schools</b>                      Phone: (719) 423-3885      Fax: (719) 253-5274</p> <p><b>Pueblo County School District 70</b>                      Phone: (719) 542-1671      Fax: (719)544-7248</p> <p><b>Referral form can be found at:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/398KxsB">bit.ly/398KxsB</a></p>
<b>If there is a possible medical diagnosis</b>	<p>Refer to medical subspecialties <b>and</b> Early Intervention (EI) or Child Find.</p>
<b>Birth up to 21 years</b>	<p>Refer to HCP for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCP provides services to children and youth with special health care needs from birth to 21 years of age living in Colorado, who have or are at risk for physical, developmental, behavioral or emotional conditions.</li> <li>• HCP offers care coordination to fit each family’s individual needs.</li> <li>• HCP has no diagnosis or income restrictions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment</b>                      Phone: (719) 583-4354      Fax: (719)583-4439</p>

**\*No cost to the family for screening, evaluation, and services.**

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