Developmental Services

(3 - 5 years of age)

Talking Points

**Introducing the Referral**

If a referral is being made based on a screening:

* “Through screening/my observation, your child has shown a potential concern in the area of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (speech/language, motor/physical, problem-solving, and/or social-emotional skills). This means that a referral to a specialist will help determine if the concern requires additional support.”

If the referral is being made because the parent has expressed concerns:

* “You are concerned about your child’s development (speech/language, motor/physical, problem-solving, and/or social-emotional skills). A referral to a specialist will help determine if your child needs a further evaluation to assess if the concern requires additional support.”

**Information**

School Districts:

* The Child Find Department within the child’s school district of residence provides free screenings and/or evaluations for children up to 5 years of age (5th birthday from October 1 to December 31).
* If the child demonstrates a significant delay in development that **impacts the way he/she learns**, he/she may be eligible for specialized services at no cost to the family (i.e., speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, early development services). For the ages of 3 years up to 5 years, these services take place within a preschool program in the child’s school district of residence.
* If the child does not qualify for services, there may be community programs or supports available to the family.

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