CHILD OUTREACH SCREENING

Every Child | Every Year

FREE SCREENING

For Rhode Island Children 3, 4 and 5 Years Old,
Prior to Kindergarten

Screening in vision, hearing, speech/language, social/emotional and general development

Information about early childhood development and resources
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is a **FREE** service offered to ALL children 3 to 5 years old by your local school district in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Education.

What are the goals of Child Outreach?

INFORMATION

Child Outreach provides information about your child's development and resources that are available within your community.

POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Child Outreach can help identify children who may need further assessment, intervention and/or services at an early age to promote positive outcomes in kindergarten and beyond.

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The information about your child's development is gathered in two ways:

FIRST

Your child will participate for about 45 minutes in game-like activities conducted by trained personnel from the public school system. You are always welcome to join your child as he/she participates in the screening activities.

SECOND

You will complete brief family questionnaires about your child's health history and his/her development as observed at home in everyday activities.

What does screening involve?

Child Outreach provides a brief assessment in five areas of development:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Speech and Language Skills
- Social/Emotional Development
- General Development, such as gross and fine motor skills, memory, etc.

What if my child speaks and understands a language other than English?

If your child communicates in a language other than English, Child Outreach (CO) makes every effort to screen your child and communicate with you in your dominant language.

Screening is not an assessment of your child's English language ability, but rather a snapshot of your child's development. Screening in your child's dominant language provides the most accurate picture of how your child is growing and learning. Please notify CO prior to the screening so that a bilingual screener or interpreter can be made available in your primary language.

Why should I participate?

Often, families have questions about their child's growth and development.

Child Outreach can help you understand how your child is progressing and learn ways to continue to support his/her development.

When should my child participate in screening?

Much like your well child visit with the pediatrician, children should participate in screening annually at 3, 4 and 5 years old. Because children learn rapidly during these early years, each screening provides families with an up-to-date check on their child's development.

How do I arrange screening for my child?

Screening is offered in a variety of locations such as early care and education settings, Head Start programs, public schools, libraries, etc. All school districts provide ongoing screening throughout the school year.

Families can schedule a screening appointment at any time during the school year by going to: **www.earlydevelopmentri.com/about#info** or by calling the RI Department of Education at **(401) 222-4600** and requesting the contact information for the Child Outreach Program in your local school district.

What happens after screening?

Screening results are reviewed and a summary sent to you within a few weeks. The summary will include the areas of development that indicate age-appropriate results as well as those that may require a rescreen or follow-up.

Child Outreach wants to ensure that ALL children are off to a good start before entering kindergarten.

What happens to screening results?

While sharing screening results with your child's pediatrician and early care and education program is beneficial, no results will be shared without your permission. Confidentiality is always a priority.