



Your child had a developmental screening, now what?

After the screening is completed, the results will be shared and explained. You may be told that your child:

- Is typically developing and does not need an evaluation
- Should be re-screened in a few months
- Could benefit from fun developmental activities at home or at school
- Needs a referral for a complete evaluation

What to expect if you have been referred for an evaluation:

Don't panic! An evaluation will provide further information on your child's development and learning. It will help connect your child and your family to valuable community resources. This is the time to ask for information on who will conduct the evaluation and when it will be scheduled.

What you should bring to your appointment:

- Snack and a drink for your child
- Favorite toy, book or snugly
- Contact information for doctors or other professionals working with your family.
- The following information, if you have it:
 - List of medications and supplements (past and present)
 - Any reports from doctors, teachers or therapists
 - Social Security cards or numbers
 - Insurance card

Tips for a successful evaluation appointment:

- Call the office prior to the appointment; ask what you should bring with you, and confirm that they have everything they need from you.
- Make sure your child has a good night's sleep before your appointment.
- Provide your child with a good breakfast or lunch (depending on the appointment time).
- Let your child know that they will be playing with toys.
- You can bring a friend or family member with you for support.
- Arrive 15 minutes early to fill out paperwork.
- Your expertise is being the parent and knowing your child better than anyone else. If someone uses a technical term you have not heard before, please ask for an explanation.
- If you do not agree with the results, discuss your concerns. Ask for contact information for other community resources that are available to help your child and family.



What if your child does not qualify for services and you still have concerns?

- Ask for a rescreen in 2 months
- Share your concerns with your pediatrician
- Contact one of the agencies listed below for a 2nd opinion
- Continue to support your child's development with fun developmental activities. For activity ideas, checkout www.earlymilestones.org.

The earlier children get help ... the more successful they will be.

- Early Steps (for birth to 3 year olds)
(941) 487-5400 ext. 114
- FDLRS - Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (for 3 to 5 year olds)
(941) 927-9000 ext. 34315
- All Children's Specialty Care of Sarasota
(941) 927-8805 press 1
- The Florida Center for Early Childhood
(941) 371-8820 Press 0

