



Screening to Succeed

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Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RTTELC)

The RTTELC project, Screening to Succeed, supports primary care providers, with on-site technical assistance and funding, to implement electronic standardized developmental screening and link families with evidence-based programs. By the end of the project (December 2015), the Rhode Island Department of Health plans to enroll 79 pediatric and family practices representing a total of **27,679 children**, with the highest needs (e.g., on Medicaid), between the **ages of 0 and 3**.

Practices will receive:

- Technical assistance and a 1 year user license to access the Child Health & Development Interactive System (CHADIS), a web-based screening, diagnostic and management system that administers and analyzes pre-visit, online questionnaires completed by parents, teens or teachers and providers
- Technical assistance to implement developmental screening using the Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children (SWYC) screening questionnaire
- Devices that allow patients' families and clinical staff to access and utilize CHADIS
- Incentives and technical assistance to increase developmental screening rates
- Staff support to refer and link patients and families to appropriate community resources



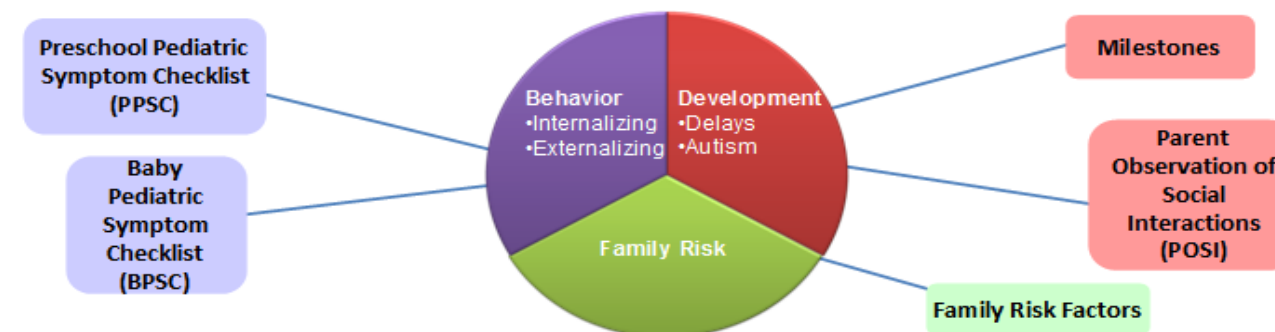
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Provides:

- Health risk, mental health, development & family factor screens
- Over 75 questionnaires from which to choose, ages 0-21
- Covers all Affordable Care Act Pediatric requirements (Bright Futures)
- Auto-assignment set up
- Parent, teen or teacher finish online from home, or in the waiting/exam room on a device

Source: <http://www.chadis.com/>



Survey of Wellbeing of Young Children (SWYC)

A brief standardized screening tool developed by researchers at Tufts Medical Center Floating Hospital for Children in Boston, Massachusetts.

Benefits:

- In the public domain (free)
- Is less time consuming than other screening tools
 - Average 15 minutes to complete
 - 2 pages long
- Screens for both developmental and behavioral problems
- Incorporates autism screening on the same tool for 18-35 months
- Includes family questions to screen for important adverse conditions which can affect development, behavior and ultimately school readiness and performance
- Preliminary validation studies indicate sensitivities and specificities similar to the ASQ-3 for milestones, ASQ-SE and CBCL for behavior problems, and MCHAT for autism

Source: <https://sites.google.com/site/swycscreen/parts-of-the-swyc>



Learn the Signs. Act Early. (LTSAE) RI Activities

It is important for RI providers to communicate a consistent message about developmental delays and disabilities. RI's Act Early Ambassador will promote the use of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's LTSAE materials statewide.

Activities will include:

- Integrate LTSAE materials into Rhode Island's statewide developmental screening campaign
- Incorporate the upcoming LTSAE "Watch Me!" online training into Rhode Island Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS) online professional development training system
- Support primary care providers, home visitors in the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Health Home Visiting (MIECHV) and First Connections programs, and nutritionists in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and children (WIC) to encourage parents to monitor their children's development using the LTSAE materials
- Establish a LTSAE Rhode Island state team