



Rhode Island's Early Childhood Screening Initiatives and Resources

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Screening to Succeed



Summary:

Supports primary care providers, with on-site technical assistance and funding, to implement standardized developmental screening electronically and link families with evidence-based programs. By November 2016, the Rhode Island Department of Health enrolled **40** pediatric and family practices representing a total of about **6,714** children, with the highest needs (e.g., on Medicaid), between the ages of zero and three.

Practices receive:

- Technical assistance and a one 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
- Bonuses and technical assistance to increase developmental screening rates
- Staff support to refer and link patients and families to resources
- Onsite evidence based resources

Evidence-based Resources as of November 2016
7 practices implemented mental health consultation onsite
8 practices implemented Reach Out and Read
6 Incredible Years parent education groups

Top 5 Referral Reasons from 8/28/14 through 11/4/16	
Referral Resource Type	Total
Development	516
Development and Behavior	137
Behavior	125
Other	103
Parent Support	55

SWYC Flags from May 2015 through July 2016				
Total # of Completed 9, 18 and 30 Month SWYCs	Flagged on Development	Flagged on Behavior	Flagged on Family Challenges	Total # of referrals
8,377	1,918 (23%)	2,787 (33%)	1,405 (17%)	832

Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (LAUNCH)

Summary:

Ensures all children (birth to eight) succeed in school by promoting and supporting the integration of physical, behavioral, health and wellness in community based settings. LAUNCH is implemented in three communities (Newport, Woonsocket and Washington County).

Strategies:

- Developmental screening in primary care
- Mental Health Consultation (MHC) in primary care
- MHC in early care and education settings
- Implement parent support and education programs (Incredible Years) for children who are at risk or poor outcomes without support



Learn the Signs. Act Early. (LTSAE)

Summary:

It is important for RI providers to communicate a consistent message about developmental monitoring and screening. RI's Act Early Ambassador has promoted the use of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's LTSAE materials and resources statewide.

RI Activities :

- Integrated LTSAE materials into RI's statewide developmental screening campaign
- Incorporated LTSAE "Watch Me!" online training into RI's Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS) online professional development training system
- Supported primary care providers and early childhood programs (i.e. Early Intervention, WIC, Family Visiting, Early Head Start and etc.) to encourage parents to monitor their children's development using the LTSAE materials
- Established a RI Act Early State Team
- Developed an Early Childhood Screening and Follow-up Policy to ensure consistent messaging and use of LTSAE materials

