

FAQ

Free Virtual Early Developmental Screening

What is developmental screening?

A brief assessment designed to make sure that a child is on the right developmental path. It helps identify children who may need further evaluation.

Who is the screening for?

Children (11 - 66 months) who are not already receiving services. It is not intended for children who already have a developmental or mental health diagnosis.

How much does it cost? Do I need to have insurance?

The screenings are free to the community. Insurance is not needed.

Can another adult be present for the screening?

If the parent/caregiver of the child is not able to attend, another family member over 18 years of age may participate in the screening with a signed letter from the parent/caregiver indicating that we may share the screening results with that family member.

Who will be conducting the screening?

Trained staff from Children's Specialized Hospital.

How long is the appointment?

The screenings last approximately 30 minutes.

Do I need to have an appointment?

Yes, families need to schedule an appointment and confirm if they would like the screening conducted via telephone or video. Please visit www.childrens-specialized.org/developmentalscreening or call (908) 301-5498 to register.

What happens during a screening?

The parent/caregiver will be sent a questionnaire and will need to fill it out to the best of their ability before the appointment. At the time of the screening, the questionnaire will be scored and results will be shared with the parent/ caregiver. If additional evaluations are recommended, the screener will provide that information to the family and assist in linking them to services. After the screening appointment, every family will receive all recommendations and resources via email or regular mail. If additional evaluations have been recommended, the family will receive a follow up call approximately three weeks after the screening.

Where can I find more information?

To learn more about our free early developmental screening program, please visit www.childrens-specialized.org/developmentalscreening or call (908) 301-5498.

