

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

The school districts in the Holton Special Education Cooperative provide free developmental screenings for children birth through age five. Screenings are conducted throughout the year in each home district. The screening of children who may have developmental delays includes evaluation of hearing, vision, speech, language, thinking skills, coordination, personal/social skills, and self-help skills. **If you have concerns about your child's development, please call Kay Smith at Jackson Heights Elementary, 785.364.2244.**

When should you have concerns about your child's development?

The following items are some warning signs that problems may develop in your child's development; they do not necessarily mean that problems are or are not already present.

Hearing

If the child...

- * does not startle at loud noises
- * does not turn to face sounds and noises by 6 months
- * has frequent earaches, runny ears, or runny nose
- * does not understand spoken conversation or directions
- * talks in an unusually low voice
- * appears to ignore people speaking

Coordination

If the child...

- * is unable to sit by age 1
- * is unable to walk by age 2
- * is unable to throw and kick a ball by age 3
- * is unable to run by age 4
- * is unable to hop on one foot by age 5

Self-Help

If the child...

- * has trouble sucking a bottle as a new born
- * does not use a spoon by age 2
- * is not out of diapers by age 3
- * cannot sit and attend to a story being read by age 3
- * does not play with one toy for 3 minutes by age 3
- * does not play cooperatively with other children by age 4
- * cannot dress themselves by age 5

Speaking

If the child...

- * does not babble and coo as an infant
- * cannot say the names of a few people and toys by age 2
- * does not use 2 word sentences by age 2
- * cannot tell you about two things that happened to them by age 3
- * is not easily understood by people outside the family by age 4

Thinking

If the child...

- * does not respond to name by age 1
- * does not point to eyes, ears, nose, and mouth by age 2
- * does not know "big" and "little" by age 3
- * does not know three colors by age 4
- * does not count to five by age 5

Vision

If the child...

- * does not look at toys or people and try to reach for them
- * frequently rubs eyes
- * has red, watering or encrusted eyes
- * sometimes or always crosses one or both eyes
- * does not notice distant objects
- * frequently bumps into furniture or other objects