

Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines: 0-5 years

General Development Resources

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Head Start/Early Head Start: Promotes preschool and school readiness for low-income families. Eligibility and enrollment information for Louisiana can be found at benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913C

Care Coordination Resources

- **EarlySteps:** Intervention services for children ages 0-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact at rjackson@laeasterseals.com phone (504) 595-3408 or (504) 496-0165 or Fax: (504) 595-3158
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- **Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance** is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years. For more information:
 - Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening or
 - E-mail CSHSprogram@la.gov or
 - Call the Bureau of Family Health's Children's Special Health Services program at (504) 568-5055

Public School System Resources

Department of Education: "Child Search" educational assessments and screenings for ages 3 and older. Contact information by parish below:

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Autism Resources

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Positive Autism Screen Resources

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- **Autism Center of Children's Hospital:** Assessment and treatment for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (504) 896-7272.
- **Tulane Center for Autism and Related Disorders:** Assessment and treatment for autism and related disorders, (504) 988-3533.
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Family Wellness & Environmental Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for the family of a child with a positive screen for environmental risk or caregiver depression.

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Project LAUNCH: Parent and provider resources to support healthy physical and emotional development for children 0 - 8 years old louisianalaunch.org

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WIC: Women, Infant, and Children Program Nutrition Support: 1-800-251-BABY (2229)

Care Coordination Resources

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Ways to enroll in the program:

- Visit ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening to access a fillable PDF of the form
- Email CSHSprogram@la.gov to request an electronic Technical Assistance form
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Families may also benefit from Medicaid enrollment and Healthy Louisiana Behavioral Health services. Find provider locator tools at myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose.

Family Wellness Referrals

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- **Louisiana Warm Line:** Non-crisis phone line with certified peer support specialists Wednesday-Sunday, 5-10 PM, (800) 730-8375
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** Available 24/7, (800) 273-8255
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** New Orleans Central Office 24/7, (504) 838-3399.
- **State Reporting Hotline for Childhood Abuse/Neglect:** Child neglect/abuse investigations, (855)-452-5439
- **Department of Children and Family Services:** Food stamps/support services/emergency funds, (888) 524-3578
- **United Way of Southeast LA:** Supports and service linkage including crisis assistance, 211 or (504) 822-5540.
- **Poison Control:** Louisiana's Poison Control Center 24/7 Hotline (800) 222-1222
- **Domestic Violence Hotline:** Louisiana's 24/7 Statewide Hotline (888) 411-1333
- **Operation Save a Life:** Free smoke alarms – Office of State Fire Marshal (225) 925-1716
- **Smoking Cessation:** Free help to quit smoking at quitwithusla.org or (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669)
- **Child Care Assistance Program:** Child care assistance for children under 13 or children under 18 with a disability, financial eligibility criteria (877) 453-2721

Infant/Children's Mental Health Resources

- **Children's Bureau GNO:** Crisis intervention and behavioral health counseling and support programs (504) 525-2366
- **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services:** Consultative services for primary care providers and more (504) 988-9184.

Metropolitan/Jefferson Human Services District

Please refer to the numbers below to locate behavioral health, mental health, and addictive disorder treatment options in your area.

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Social & Emotional Resources

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Jefferson - Orleans - Plaquemines - St. Bernard

Organization	Contact	Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral
Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs (CYSHCN) www.ldh.la.gov/cshs www.ldh.la.gov www.ldh.la.gov/ehdi www.ldh.la.gov/genetics www.ldh.la.gov/lead	Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) 504-568-5055	CSHS Central Office NOLA	Eligibility criteria Birth–21 years	Specialty Clinics- dx from MD
	Family Resource Center 504-896-1340	Children's Hospital Rm 2020	All LA families	
	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) 504-568-5028	NB Hearing Screens info	All newborns	No
	Genetic Diseases 504-568-8254	NB Heel Stick Screening Genetic Diseases Resources	All newborns	
	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention 504-568-8254	Information and resources	All LA families	
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) www.louisianabelieves.com	Toll free 877-453-2721	Child care assistance for children under 13 or under 18 with a disability	Financial criteria; support for low-income families	No
Dental Services (MCNA) MCNA www.mcna.net/en/home/	Main 800-494-6262	Medicaid dental provider locator *MCNA web site - benefit info	Medicaid eligible	No
Department of Children and Family Services (Food Stamps-SNAP) www.dcf.la.gov	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect (DCFS) 855-452-5439	Investigates abuse and neglect reports for children	Birth – 17 years	No
	Family Support Services 888-524-3578	24 hour hot line – SSI, WIC, Medicaid, emergency funds	Financial	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program 888-524-3578	Food/nutrition assistance	Financial	
Developmental Disabilities Services Metropolitan Human Services District www.mhsdla.org Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority www.jpsha.org OCDD Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities http://www.ldh.la.gov	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Region 1 504-599-0245	WAIVER Registry; DD services; cash subsidy; EarlySteps; supported living	Developmental disability criteria – Includes patients with Autism, MR, CP (severe), Epilepsy (severe) – diagnosed before age 22	No MD signs forms during enrollment process
	OCDD Jefferson 504-838-5357 504-838-5700			
	OCDD Supports GNO Resource Center 225-567-1248	Nursing/Mental Health DD Community Training		
Early Intervention Services EarlySteps www.earlysteps.ldh.la.gov	Orleans/Plaquemines St. Bernard 504-595-3408	Developmental Screening and Early intervention; ST, OT, PT	Birth - 3 years	No
	Jefferson 504-496-0165			
Educational Assessments Department of Education-child search www.opsb.us www.ipschools.org www.ppsb.org	Orleans 504-304-4988	Developmental Screening Special Education Preschool; ST, OT, PT	Ages 3 - 21 yrs Developmental Screens 3 – 5 yrs	No
	East Jefferson 504-349-8677			
	West Jefferson 504-349-7912			
	Plaquemines 504-595-6055			
	St. Bernard 504-301-2000			
Emergency/Disaster American Red Cross LA www.redcross.org/la/new-orleans United Way-Southeast LA www.unitedwaysela.org Dept of Family Services www.dcf.la.gov	Am Red Cross 800-229-8191	Emergency relief Vietnamese/Spanish Evacuation guides	Need based	No
	United Way 211 504-822-5540	Community services link	Financial Criteria for some services	
	Family Services 888-524-3578	24 hr hot line-SSI WIC, Medicaid, Food Stamps	Financial Criteria	
Family/Peer Support Families Helping Families (FHF) Southeast Louisiana www.fhfsela.org FHF Jefferson www.fhfjefferson.org Bayouland FHF Information Center www.blfhf.org Hands and Voices/Guide by your side www.lahandsandvoices.org	FHF Orleans Toll free 504-943-0343 877-243-7352	Information, Training & Referrals/Education-IEP Support	No cost	No
	FHF Jefferson Toll free 504-888-9111 800-766-7736	Peer to peer mentoring		
	Family 2 Family Center 985-447-4461	Resources		
	Hands and Voices 504-388-5712	Family peer support for children who are deaf/hard of hearing		

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Legal Assistance Advocacy Center www.advocacyla.org	Toll free Spanish/Vietnamese 800-960-7705	Legal Services Advocacy/outreach/training Education/Voting/Access	Persons with disabilities and elderly no cost to client	N/A
Medicaid Insurance Helplines Medicaid/Healthy LA Plans www.myplan.healthy.la.gov * Aetna Better Health Healthy Blue AmeriHealth Caritas LA HealthCare Connections United HealthCare	Medicaid Info Line Aetna Healthy Blue AmeriHealth LA HealthCare United HealthCare	855-229-6848 855-242-0802 844-521-6941 888-756-0004 866-595-8133 800-587-5187	Information on Medicaid – *online provider locator tool Assistance with service approvals, prior auths, denials and complaints	Medicaid Eligible No
Mental/Behavioral Health Services Metropolitan Human Services Authority (MHSA) http://www.mhsdla.org/ Jefferson Parish HSA www.jpsha.org Tulane Infant Mental Health Services Children’s Bureau GNO www.childrens-bureau.com	Orleans West Jefferson East Jefferson Mobile Crisis Line Tulane Children’s Bureau	504-568-3130 504-349-8833 504-838-5257 504-832-5123 504-568-3130 504-525-2366	Mental Health & Addictive Disorders Suicidal/Homicidal crisis & homeless outreach Infant and child mental health/parenting & family support & education Children 5 and up - mental health/parenting & family support & education	Financial criteria Call for eligibility In crisis Children under 6 Assess & treat MH
Mental Health Supports – Louisiana Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health www.laffcmh.org	Main Parent Line (Toll Free) 225-293-3508 800-224-4010	Info, referrals, education peer and family mentoring thru age 24	Parent/caregiver & child/youth with emotional, MH/BH challenges	No
Parenting Support Parenting Center- Children’s Hospital New Orleans/Metairie Healthy Start - Orleans	Parenting Center Healthy Start	504-896-9591 504-658-2600	Parenting class/support Pregnant/parenting children under age 2 Counseling/nutrition	Sliding scale fees No fees No
Personal Care Services (PCS) Medicaid EPSDT www.ldh.la.gov	Toll free 877-455-9955	Personal Care Services (PCS)	Medical criteria Medicaid eligible Birth - 21 yrs	Diagnosis on MD Rx.
Prescription Assistance – Partnership for Prescription Assist www.pparx.org St. Vincent De Paul	PPA St. VDP	888-477-2669 504-940-5031 888-443-7494	Rx assistance ST. VDP Mon/Wed 8-10	Financial criteria Low/no cost No
Social Security (Income/SSI) www.ssa.gov	Toll free 800-772-1213	Benefits for children with qualifying disability *Reapply if denied - benefits re-determined at age 18	Medical Criteria	Diagnosis from MD
Transportation (Medical) Healthy Louisianan Plans Medicaid www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid	Medicaid Amerigroup/Healthy Blue Aetna AmeriHealth Louisiana Healthcare United Healthcare	855-325-7565 866-430-1101 877-917-4150 888-913-0364 855-369-3723 866-726-1427	Non-emergency medical transport (cab) to/from medical visit- parent/child *Must schedule 2 days before appointment	Medicaid Eligible No
Vocational Rehab - Louisiana Rehab Services (LRS) www.laworks.net	LRS Eastbank Office LRS Westbank Office	504-838-5180 504-361-6816	Vocational rehab/work support & counseling for persons with disabilities	Eligibility assessment No
WIC-Nutrition Supports Women Infants and Children Program (WIC) Partners for Healthy Babies- website http://1800251baby.org/	Toll free National helpline *service locator & appointments Online resources for mom & baby	800-251-2229	Food and formula Nutrition education Breastfeeding support Health and pregnancy resources	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments MD signs WIC app & referral