

# Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines: 0-5 years

## Autism Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for a child with a positive screen for Autism.

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### Family Resources

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**Exceptional Lives Louisiana:** An easy-to-use guide aimed to help users find the best services for children and young adults with disabilities. at [la.exceptionallives.org](http://la.exceptionallives.org)

**VROOM:** Free phone app designed to provide families with tools to turn everyday moments into brain building activities for children 0-5. Available on Google Play, the Apple App Store or at [joinvroom.org](http://joinvroom.org)

**CDC Parent Resources:** Free color publications written for parents about developmental milestones from the Learn the Signs/Act Early campaign. A Milestone Tracker mobile app is also available at [cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html](http://cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html)

**Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge:** Peer support and resource linkage for families in the Greater Baton Rouge area at (225) 216-7474 or [fhfgr.org](http://fhfgr.org)

**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/1913](http://benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913)

### Positive Autism Screen Resources

- **EarlySteps:** Intervention services for children 0-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact at [dzteamfsrc@bellsouth.net](mailto:dzteamfsrc@bellsouth.net), (225) 925-2426.
- **Specialist/Subspecialist Referral:** May be indicated per primary care provider assessment; provider locator tools are available on the Medicaid Healthy Louisiana website at [myplan.healthy.la.gov/home](http://myplan.healthy.la.gov/home)
- **The Emerge Center:** Evaluations and assessments, after-school ABA program, parent/caregiver workshops in Baton Rouge (225) 343-4232.
- **McMains Children's Development Center:** Evaluations, OT/PT/ST, social work/case management services (225) 923-3420.
- **Regional Resource Guides** provide a comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state. Download them from the Children's Special Health Services website at [ldh.la.gov/cshs](http://ldh.la.gov/cshs)
- **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](http://ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening) or
  - E-mail [CSHSprogram@la.gov](mailto: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:

Ascension Parish  
(225) 391-7211

East Baton Rouge  
(225) 929-8600

West Baton Rouge  
(225) 343-8405

Iberville Parish  
(225) 687-4341

East Feliciana Parish  
(225) 683-5638

West Feliciana Parish  
(225) 635-3891

Point Coupe  
(225) 638-8674

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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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### General Family Resources

**Partners for Family Health:** Website that helps all users find the Louisiana health resources and websites that are most relevant to them at [partnersforfamilyhealth.org](http://partnersforfamilyhealth.org)

**Project LAUNCH:** Parent and provider resources to support healthy physical and emotional development for children 0 - 8 years old [louisianalaunch.org](http://louisianalaunch.org)

**VROOM:** Free phone app designed to provide families with tools to turn everyday moments into brain building activities for children 0-5. Available on Google Play, the Apple App Store or at [joinvroom.org](http://joinvroom.org)

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

### Care Coordination Resources

Developmental screening and care coordination technical assistance is available at no charge for clinics serving children 0-5 years.

Ways to enroll in the program:

- Visit [ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening](http://ldh.la.gov/developmentalscreening) to access a fillable PDF of the form
- Email [CSHSprogram@la.gov](mailto:CSHSprogram@la.gov) to request an electronic Technical Assistance form
- Call the Bureau of Family Health's Children's Special Health Services program at (504) 568-5055

Families may also benefit from Medicaid enrollment and Healthy Louisiana Behavioral Health services. Find provider locator tools at [myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose](http://myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose).

### Family Wellness Referrals

- **Regional Resource Guides:** A comprehensive listing of pediatric and adolescent services and programs for each region of the state. These can be downloaded from the Children's Special Health Services website at [ldh.la.gov/cshs](http://ldh.la.gov/cshs)
- **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:** Baton Rouge Central Office 24/7 Hotline, (225) 930-0026.
- **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
- **Capital Area United Way:** Supports and service linkage including crisis assistance, 211 or (225) 383-2643.
- **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](http://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 criteria (877) 453-2721

### Capital Area Human Services District

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

Capital Area - Children  
(225) 922-0445

Capital Area - Adults  
(225) 925-1906

# Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines: 0-5 years

## General Development Resources

This guide provides suggested referrals and services for a child with a positive screen for developmental delays.

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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](http://benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913C)

### Care Coordination Resources

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## Social & Emotional Resources

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- **Medicaid/Healthy Louisiana Behavioral/Mental Health Services:** Provider locator tools at [myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose](http://myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose)
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## CSHS REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE – REGION 2

Ascension - East & West Baton Rouge - East & West Feliciana – Iberville - Pointe Coupee

Organization	Contact information	Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral	
<b>Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Programs (CYSHCN)</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/cshs">www.ldh.la.gov/cshs</a> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/ehdi">www.ldh.la.gov/ehdi</a> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/genetics">www.ldh.la.gov/genetics</a> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lead">www.ldh.la.gov/lead</a>	Children’s Special Health Services (CSHS)	<b>225-242-4890</b>	CSHS Central Office NOLA	Birth–21 years	Specialty clinics- rx from MD  No
	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)	<b>504-568-5028</b>	NB Hearing Screens info	All newborns	
	Genetic Diseases	<b>504-568-8254</b>	NB Heel Stick Screening Genetic Diseases Resources	All newborns	
	Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention	<b>504-568-8254</b>	Information and resources	All LA families	
<b>Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)</b> <a href="http://www.louisianabelieves.com">www.louisianabelieves.com</a>	Toll free	<b>877-453-2721</b>	Child care assistance for children under 13 or under 18 with a disability	Financial criteria; support for low-income families	No
<b>Dental Services (MCNA)</b> <b>MCNA</b> <a href="http://www.mcna.la.net/en/home/">www.mcna.la.net/en/home/</a>	Main	<b>800-494-6262</b>	Medicaid dental provider locator *benefit info on website	Medicaid eligible	No
<b>Department of Children and Family Services</b>  <b>(Food Stamps-SNAP)</b> <a href="http://www.dcf.la.gov">www.dcf.la.gov</a>	DCFS	<b>855-452-5437</b>	Abuse/neglect investigation	Birth – 17 years	No
	Family Support Services	<b>888-524-3578</b>	24 hour hot line – SSI, WIC, Medicaid, emergency funds	Financial	
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	<b>888-524-3578</b>	Food/nutrition assistance	Financial	
<b>Developmental Disabilities Services</b>  <b>Capital Area Human Services District</b> <a href="http://www.cahsd.org">www.cahsd.org</a>  <b>North Lake Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities</b> (Hammond)	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)	<b>225-925-1910</b>	WAIVER Registry Cash subsidy/EarlySteps Extended Family Living/ICF/DD Individual & Family Support/Supported Living PT/OT/EarlySteps Nursing/Mental Health DD Community Training	Developmental Disability criteria Includes persons with Autism, MR, CP (severe), Epilepsy (severe)	No referral  MD signs enrollment form
	Resource Center	<b>225-567-1248</b>			
<b>Early Intervention</b>  <b>Early Steps</b> <a href="http://www.laeikids.com">www.laeikids.com</a>	Early Steps Toll free	<b>225-925-2426</b> <b>866-640-0238</b>	Developmental screening early intervention - ST, OT, PT	Ages Birth - 3 yr	No
<b>Educational Assessments</b>  <b>Dept. of Education</b> Exceptional Children School Board System Pupil Appraisal <a href="http://www.louisianabelieves.com/">www.louisianabelieves.com/</a>	Ascension East Baton Rouge West Baton Rouge East Feliciana West Feliciana Iberville Pointe Coupee	<b>225-391-7211</b> <b>225-929-8600</b> <b>225-343-8405</b> <b>225-683-5638</b> <b>225-635-3891</b> <b>225-687-4341</b> <b>225-638-8674</b>	Developmental Screening Special Education Preschool; ST, OT, PT	Ages 3 - 21 yr Developmental Screens 3 – 5 yr	No
<b>Emergency/Disaster</b>  <b>American Red Cross</b> <a href="http://www.redcross.org/la/new-orleans">www.redcross.org/la/new-orleans</a>  <b>United Way</b> <a href="http://www.unitedwaysela.org">www.unitedwaysela.org</a>  <b>Dept of Family Services</b> <a href="http://www.dcf.la.gov">www.dcf.la.gov</a>	Am Red Cross	<b>800-229-8191</b>	Emergency relief Vietnamese/Spanish Evacuation guides	Need based	No  Some programs have financial criteria  Financial criteria
	United Way	<b>211</b> <b>504-822-5540</b>	Community services link		
	Family Services	<b>888-LAHELPU</b> <b>888-524-3578</b>	24 hr hot line-SSI WIC, Medicaid, Food Stamps		
<b>Family Peer Support</b>  <b>Families Helping Families FHF</b> <a href="http://www.fhfgbr.org">www.fhfgbr.org</a> <b>Bayou Land FHF Information Center</b> <a href="http://www.blfhf.org">www.blfhf.org</a>  <b>Hands and Voices/Guide By Your Side</b> <a href="http://www.lahandsandvoices.org">www.lahandsandvoices.org</a>	Greater Baton Rouge	<b>225-216-7474</b>	Information & Referral; Education & Training; Peer to peer support	No cost	No
	Family 2Family Information Center	<b>800-331-5570</b> <b>985-447-4461</b>			
	Hands and Voices	<b>504-388-5712</b>	Family peer support for children who are deaf/hard of hearing		



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<b>Legal Assistance</b> <b>Advocacy Center</b> <a href="http://www.advocacyla.org">www.advocacyla.org</a>	Toll free Spanish/Vietnamese	<b>800-960-7705</b>	Legal Services Advocacy/outreach/training Education/Voting/Access	Persons with disabilities and elderly	N/A
<b>Medicaid Insurance Helplines</b>  <b>Medicaid/Healthy LA Plans</b> <a href="http://www.myplan.healthy.la.gov">www.myplan.healthy.la.gov</a>  <b>Aetna Better Health</b> <b>Healthy Blue</b> <b>AmeriHealth Caritas</b> <b>LA HealthCare Connections</b> <b>United HealthCare</b>	Medicaid Info Line  Aetna Healthy Blue AmeriHealth LA HealthCare United HealthCare	<b>855-229-6848</b>  <b>855-242-0802</b> <b>844-521-6941</b> <b>888-756-0004</b> <b>866-595-8133</b> <b>800-587-5187</b>	Information on Medicaid – online provider locator tool  Assistance with service approvals, prior auths, denials and complaints	Medicaid Eligible	No
<b>Mental/Behavioral Health</b>  <b>Capital Area Human Services</b> <a href="http://www.cahsd.org">www.cahsd.org</a>  <b>Children and Adolescent Response Team C.A.R.T.</b>	Child Adult  24 hr crisis  Daytime After hours*	<b>225-922-0445</b> <b>225-925-1906</b>  <b>800-272-8367*</b>  <b>225-922-0631</b> <b>225-924-3900</b>	Mental Health Services Addictive disorders  Crisis counseling  Child/adolescent crisis counseling/referral 24 hours	Call for eligibility screening  open to anyone*  Under age 18	No
<b>Mental Health Support</b>  <b>Louisiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health</b> <a href="http://www.laffcmh.org">www.laffcmh.org</a>	Main Number  Parent Line	<b>225-293-3508</b>  <b>800-224-4010</b>	Information & Referral Education, training and family mentoring for BH issues; Peer to peer mentoring to age 24	Parent, Caregiver & children/youth with emotional, BH/MH issues	No
<b>Parenting Support/Classes</b>  <b>Family Road of Baton Rouge</b> <a href="http://www.familyroadgbr.org">www.familyroadgbr.org</a>	Family Road	<b>225-201-8888</b>	Services, Classes, Workshops, Support Groups and Counseling	Incentives for participation	No
<b>Personal Care Services</b>  <b>PCS</b> Medicaid EPSDT <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a>	Toll free - Info & assistance	<b>877-455-9955</b> <b>Ext. 2</b>	Personal Care Services	Medicaid/dx birth - 21 yrs	Yes - dx on rx
<b>Prescription Assistance</b>  <b>Partnership for Prescription Assist</b> <a href="http://www.pparx.org/">www.pparx.org/</a>	PPA	<b>888-477-2669</b>	Prescription Assistance Low/no cost	Financial criteria	No
<b>Shiners' Hospitals for Children</b> (Shreveport) <a href="http://www.shrinershospitals.org">www.shrinershospitals.org</a>	Main	<b>318-222-5704</b>	Orthopedic conditions; Surgery; Therapy; Equipment	No out of pocket *Must keep MD appointments	Diagnosis from MD
<b>Social Security</b>  <b>SSI</b> <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>	Toll free	<b>800-772-1213</b>	Benefits for children with qualifying disability * <b>Reapply</b> if denied - benefit re- determined at age 18	Disability Criteria	Diagnosis from MD
<b>Transportation (Medical)</b>  <b>Healthy Louisianan Plans Medicaid</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid">www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid</a>	Medicaid Amerigroup Plan Aetna AmeriHealth/Healthy Blue Louisiana Healthcare United Healthcare	<b>855-325-7565</b> <b>866-430-1101</b> <b>877-917-4150</b> <b>888-913-0364</b> <b>855-369-3723</b> <b>866-726-1472</b>	Non-emergency medical transport (cab) to/from medical visit- parent/child *Must schedule 2 days before appointment	Medicaid Eligible	No
<b>Vocational Rehab</b>  <b>Louisiana Rehab Services (LRS)</b> <a href="http://www.laworks.net">www.laworks.net</a>	East Baton Rouge Office	<b>225- 219-2225</b> <b>800-737-2958</b>	Vocational rehab - work support for persons with disabilities	Eligibility assessment	No
<b>WIC-Nutrition Supports</b>  <b>Women Infants and Children Program (WIC)</b>  <b>Partners for Healthy Babies-website</b> <a href="http://1800251baby.org/">http://1800251baby.org/</a>	Toll free National helpline *service locator & appointments  Mom & baby online resources	<b>800-251-2229</b>	Food and formula Nutrition education Breastfeeding support Health and pregnancy resources	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral