

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

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

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

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

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

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

Head Start/Early Head Start: Promotes school readiness for low-income families. Eligibility and enrollment information for Louisiana can be found at 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, (318) 442-6990.
- **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
- **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
- **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:

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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General Development Resources

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

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Families Helping Families at the Crossroads: Peer support and resource linkage for families at (318) 641-7373 or familieshelpingfamilies.net

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

Care Coordination Resources

- **EarlySteps:** Intervention services for children 0-3 providing screening, assessments, and therapies. Contact at aalexander@laeasterseals.com (318) 442-6990.
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Rapides Parish
(318) 443-4572

Catahoula Parish
(318) 744-5727

Grant Parish
(318) 627-3274

Concordia Parish
(318) 336-5177

Avoyelles Parish
(318) 619-3299

Winn Parish
(318) 628-3913

LaSalle Parish
(318) 992-5971

Vernon Parish
(337) 239-1689

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Social & Emotional Resources

This guide provides suggested social and emotional referrals and services for a child with a positive screen for developmental, behavioral, or social 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 www.benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913

Care Coordination Resources

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- **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services:** Consultative services for primary care providers and more (504) 988-9184.
- **Medicaid/Healthy Louisiana Behavioral/Mental Health Services:** Provider locator tools at myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose
- **Specialist/Subspecialist Referral:** This may be indicated per primary care provider assessment.
- **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
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Central Louisiana Human Services District

For further guidance on locating behavioral health, mental health, and addictive disorder treatment options in your area, contact the Human Services office below:

Main
(318) 484-6850

CSHS REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE – REGION 6

Avoyelles - Catahoula – Concordia – Grant - La Salle – Rapides – Vernon - Winn

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 Office Alexandria	Eligibility criteria Birth–21 years	Specialty Clinics- Dx from MD No
	Family Resource Center 504-896-1340	Children's Hospital Rm 2020	All LA families	
	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) 318-487-5262	NB Hearing Screens info	All newborns	
	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.mcnala.net/en/home/	Main 800-494-6262	Medicaid dental provider locator	Medicaid eligible *MCNA web site for benefit info	No
Department of Children and Family Services (Food Stamps-SNAP) www.dcfsls.la.gov	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect (DCFS) 855-452-5437	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 Central LA Human Services District http://clhsd.org/ Central LA Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities (Alexandria)	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) 318-484-2347 800-640-7494	WAIVER Registry, Early Intervention/ subsidy Extended Family Living PT/OT/ST / Early Steps Nursing; SW/MH/DD; TA DD Training; Transition/Supported Living	Developmental disabilities criteria includes- Autism; MR; CP (severe); Epilepsy (severe)	MD signs app No
	Resource Center 800-584-8511			
Early Intervention Services Early Steps www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps	Main 318-442-6990	Developmental screening; Early intervention; ST/OT/PT	Birth – 3 years	No
Educational Assessments Dept. of Education - Exceptional Children Pupil Appraisal www.louisianabelieves.com	Rapides 318-443-4572 Grant 318-627-3274 Avoyelles 318-619-3299 LaSalle 318-992-5971 Catahoula 318-744-5727 Concordia 318-336-5177 Winn 318-628-3913 Vernon 337-239-1689	Special Education Preschool; Developmental Screens; ST/OT/PT	Ages 3 - 21 years Developmental screening 3 – 5 yrs	No
Emergency/Disaster American Red Cross www.cenlaredcross.org United Way www.uwcl.org Dept of Family Services www.dcfsls.la.gov	Red Cross Toll free 318-442-6621 800-229-8191	Emergency assistance Vietnamese/Spanish Evacuation guides	Victim of natural disaster or active member of military	No
	United Way 211 318-443-7203	Resource link	Demonstrated need	
	Family Services 888-524-3578	24 hr hot line-SSI; WIC; Medicaid; Food Stamps	Various criteria	
Family/Peer Support Families Helping Families at the Crossroads familieshelpingfamilies.net Bayouland FHF Information Center www.blfhf.org Hands and Voices/Guide by your side www.lahandsandvoices.org	Main Number Toll free 318-641-7373 800-259-7200	Information, referral, education and training on DD services	No eligibility criteria	No
	Family2Family Information Center 800-331-5570	Peer to peer support		
	Hands and Voices 337-515-5774	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	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 Central LA Human Services District www.ldh.la.gov Crisis Lines- Caring Choices of Marksville	Avoyelles Leesville Pineville Crisis Lines *evenings, nights, weekends & holidays 318-253-9638 337-238-6431 318-484-6850 318-253-9638	Mental Health Services; Addictive Disorders After Hours Crisis Counseling	Call for eligibility assessment Crisis	No
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
Personal Care Services PCS EPSDT www.ldh.la.gov	Toll free 877-455-9955	EPSDT in-home, non-waiver personal care services	Medical criteria Medicaid eligible Birth - 21 yrs	MD submits form 90L.
Prescription Assistance- Partnership for Prescription Assistance www.pparx.org CENLA (CMAP) www.cmaprx.org Wal-Mart walmart.com	PPA CENLA Local area store 888-477-2669 888-443-7494 Call local store	Prescription Assistance Low/no cost Prescription Assistance \$4-5/30 day supply	Financial criteria Low/no cost	No
Shriner's Hospitals for Children www.shrinershospitals.org	Shriner's 318-222-5704	Orthopedic conditions; Surgery; Therapy; Supplies	Must keep appointments	Diagnosis from MD
Social Security SSI www.ssa.gov	Toll free 800-772-1213	Benefits for children with qualifying disability *Reapply if denied - benefit 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 866-726-1472	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 Vernon Office Toll free 337- 238-6424 800-520-0578	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 *appointments Bureau of Family Health online resource 800-251-2229	Food and formula Nutrition education Breastfeeding support Health and pregnancy resources Resources and information	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral