

# 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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**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 Northeast Louisiana:** Peer support and resource linkage for families at (318) 361-0487 or [fhnela.org](http://fhnela.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

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- **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)
- **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

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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
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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](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:** Monroe Office (318) 582-0234.
- **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 Northeast Louisiana:** Supports and service linkage including crisis assistance, 211 or (318) 325-3869
- **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

### Northeast Delta Human Services Authority

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

Human Services Authority  
(318) 362-3339

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

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## Social & Emotional 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](http://myplan.healthy.la.gov/choose)
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### North East Delta Human Services Authority

For further guidance on locating behavioral health, mental health, and addictive disorder treatment options in your area, contact the Human Services office at (318) 362-3339.

## CSHS REGIONAL RESOURCE GUIDE – REGION 8

Caldwell - East & West Carroll – Franklin – Jackson – Lincoln – Madison - Morehouse – Ouachita – Richland – Tensas - Union

Organization	Contact	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>318-361-7282</b>	Regional sub-specialty medical clinics and/or care coordination	Eligibility criteria birth–21 years	Specialty clinics- dx from MD     No
	Family Resource Center	<b>504-896-1340</b>	Children's Hospital Rm 2020	All LA families	
	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 Ext.1</b>	Financial assistance; Child care assistance for children under 13 or under 18 w/ a disability	Financial criteria;	No
<b>Dental Services (MCNA)</b> <a href="http://www.mcnala.net/en/home/">www.mcnala.net/en/home/</a>	Main Number	<b>800-494-6262</b>	Dental Services *see web site for benefits	Medicaid eligible	No
<b>Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)</b>  <b>(Food Stamps-SNAP)</b>  <a href="http://www.dcfs.la.gov">www.dcfs.la.gov</a>	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect	<b>855-452-5437</b>	Investigates abuse and neglect reports for children	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>North East Delta Human Services Authority</b> <a href="http://www.nedeltahsa.org/">http://www.nedeltahsa.org/</a>  <b>NW Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities</b>	Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD)	<b>318-362-3396</b> <b>800-640-7494</b>	WAIVER Registry, mental health, cash subsidy/EarlySteps extended family living/ICF/DD	Developmental disability eligibility includes Autism, MR, CP (severe), Epilepsy (severe) diagnosed before age 22	No  MD signs forms during enrollment
	NW Resource Center (Shreveport)	<b>318-741-2705</b>	DD technical assistance, training and education		
<b>Early Intervention Services</b>  <b>Early Steps</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps">www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps</a>	Main Number	<b>318-322-4788</b>	Developmental screening/evals therapy (ST/OT/PT), special instruction	Ages birth –36 months; medical-developmental criteria	No
	Toll free	<b>877-322-4788</b>			
<b>Educational Assessments</b>  <b>Dept. of Education - Exceptional Children</b> <b>Child Search</b> <b>Pupil Appraisal</b>  <a href="http://www.louisianabelieves.com">www.louisianabelieves.com</a>	Caldwell	<b>318-649-6181</b>	Developmental Screening, Special Education preschools; Provide Therapies (ST, OT, PT)	Educational services ages 3 - 21 years  Developmental screening ages 3 – 5 years	No
	City of Monroe	<b>318-388-3747</b>			
	East Carroll	<b>318-559-3770</b>			
	Franklin	<b>318-435-9046</b>			
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<b>Emergency/Disaster</b>  <b>Am Red Cross</b> <a href="http://www.nelaredcross.org">www.nelaredcross.org</a>  <b>United Way NE Louisiana</b> <a href="http://www.unitedwaynela.org">www.unitedwaynela.org</a>  <b>Department of Family Services</b> <a href="http://www.dcfs.la.gov">www.dcfs.la.gov</a>	Am Red Cross	<b>888-323-5141</b>	Emergency relief Vietnamese/Spanish Evacuation guides	Victim of natural disaster or active member of military	No
	United Way	<b>211</b> <b>318-325-3869</b>	Community resource link	Demonstrated need	
	Family Emergency Services	<b>888-524-3578</b>	24 hour hot line-SSI; WIC; Medicaid; Food Stamps	Various criteria	
<b>Family/Peer Support</b>  <b>Families Helping Families Northeast LA</b> <a href="http://www.fhfnela.org">www.fhfnela.org</a>  <b>Bayouland 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>	FHF Northeast LA	<b>318-361-0487</b>	Information, referrals, trainings. Peer to peer support	No eligibility criteria	No
	Family2Family Information Center	<b>800-331-5570</b>	Resources		
	Hands and Voices	<b>337-515-5774</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  800-960-7705	Information and referral, legal services, legislative info, trainings, abuse/neglect investigations	Has a disability or over age 60	No
<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  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
<b>Mental/Behavioral Health Services</b> <b>NE Delta Human Service Authority (NEDHSA)</b> <a href="http://www.nedeltahsa.org">www.nedeltahsa.org</a> <b>NEDHSA Women and Children’s Services</b>	Main After Hours *  Ouachita  318-362-3339 800-256-2522  318-362-5188	Mental health/addictive disorders *after hours crisis counseling and referrals for youth 6-17  Women’s MH/addictive disorder	Call for eligibility Screening age 6 -17	No
<b>Mental Health Supports</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 (Toll Free)  225-293-3508 800-224-4010	Information & referral; education, training & family mentoring for behavioral health issues; peer to peer mentoring, youth – 24 years	Caregiver, parent & children with mental/emotional behavioral health issues	No
<b>Personal Care Services</b> <b>PCS Services - EPSDT</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a>	PCS Main Toll free  225-342-9485 877-455-9955 Ext 2	In-home, non-waiver personal care services	Medicaid eligible; medical criteria; birth to 21 years	MD submits form 90L
<b>Prescription Assistance</b> <b>Partnership for Prescription Assist</b> <a href="http://www.pparx.org">www.pparx.org</a>	PPA  888-477-2669	Prescription assistance low/no cost	Financial criteria; online questionnaire	No
<b>Shriner’s Hospitals for Children (Shreveport)</b> <a href="http://www.shrinershospitals.org">www.shrinershospitals.org</a>	Shriner’s  318-222-5704	Orthopedic conditions- surgery, therapy, equipment	Must keep appointments	Diagnosis from MD
<b>Social Security</b> <b>SSI</b> <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a>	SSA Toll free  800-772-1213	Benefits for children with qualifying disability *Reapply if denied - benefit re- determined at age 18	Medical & financial criteria; US citizen; live in US	Diagnosis from MD
<b>Transportation - Medical Appointments</b> <b>Medicaid/Healthy LA</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid">www.ldh.la.gov/medicaid</a>	Medicaid Aetna Amerigroup/Healthy Blue AmeriHealth LA HealthCare United HealthCare  855-325-7565 877-917-4150 866-430-1101 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
<b>Vocational Rehab Services</b> <b>Louisiana Rehab Services (LRS)</b> <a href="http://www.laworks.net">www.laworks.net</a>	Regional Office Monroe  318-362-3232 800-737-2973	Vocational counseling & rehab/work support for persons with disabilities	Eligibility assessment	No
<b>WIC-Nutrition Supports</b> <b>Women Infants and Children Program (WIC)</b> <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic">www.fns.usda.gov/wic</a> <b>Partners for Healthy Babies-</b> <a href="http://www.1800251baby.org">www.1800251baby.org</a>	Toll free National helpline  Bureau of Family Health  800-251BABY 800-251-2229	Food and formula nutrition education, breastfeeding support; health and pregnancy resources  Online resources for Louisiana moms and babies	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral