

# 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](http://partnersforfamilyhealth.org)

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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 Northshore:** Peer support and resource linkage for families at [fhfnorthshore.org](http://fhfnorthshore.org) or (985) 875-0511

**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 [brian.jakes2@selahcec.org](mailto:brian.jakes2@selahcec.org) phone (985) 429-1252 or (866) 640-0238
- **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)
- **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.
- **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:

Livingston Parish  
(225) 686-7600

St. Helena Parish  
(225) 222-4349

St. Tammany Parish  
(985) 898-3311

Tangipahoa Parish  
(985) 748-7153

Washington Parish  
(985) 839-9816

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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:** Hammond area (985) 549-0433, New Orleans hotline, (504) 838-3399 and Spanish hotline (504) 444-2677.
- **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.
- **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 eligibility criteria (877) 453-2721

### Florida Parishes Human Services Authority

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

Hammond  
(985) 543-4800

Livingston/St. Helena  
(985) 543-4730

Tangipahoa Parish  
(985) 543-4730

St. Tammany  
(985) 624-4450

Bogalusa/Washington  
(985) 732-6610

# 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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**Northshore Families Helping Families:** Peer support and resource linkage for families, (985) 875-0511, [fhfnorthshore.org](http://fhfnorthshore.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/1913C](http://benefits.gov/benefits/benefit-details/1913C)

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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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- **Tulane Infant Mental Health Services:** Consultative services for primary care providers and more (504) 988-9184.
- **Specialist/Subspecialist Referral:** This may be indicated per primary care provider assessment; 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 9**  
**Livingston - St. Helena - St. Tammany – Tangipahoa - Washington**

Organization	Contact Information	Services/Information	Eligibility	Physician Referral
<b>Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (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>985-543-4165</b> <b>504-568-5055</b>	CSHS Office Hammond CSHS Central Office N. O.	Birth – 21 years Financial & medical criteria	Specialty Clinics- Dx from MD
	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	No
	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> Ext. 1	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.net">www.mcna.net</a>	Main <b>800-494-6262</b>	Medicaid dental provider locator	Medicaid Eligible *MCNA web site for benefit info	No
<b>Department of Children and Family Services (Food Stamps-SNAP)</b> <a href="http://www.dcf.la.gov">www.dcf.la.gov</a>	State reporting* hotline-abuse/neglect (DCFS) <b>855-452-5437</b>	Investigates abuse and neglect reports for children	Birth – 17 yrs	No
	Family Support Services <b>888-524-3578</b>	24 hour hot line – SSI, WIC, Medicaid, emergency funds		
	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program <b>888-524-3578</b>	Food/nutrition assistance		
<b>Developmental Disabilities Services</b>  <b>Florida Parishes Human Services Authority (FPHSA)</b> <a href="http://www.fphsa.org/">www.fphsa.org/</a>  <b>North Lake Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a>	Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) <b>985-543-4333</b>	WAIVER registry; cash subsidy; vocational & residential services; PT/OT/ST; Nutritionist/ Dietician; Nurse, Psychologist	Developmental Disability eligibility	No
	Resource Center (Hammond) <b>225-567-1248</b> Ext. 4	Support services	Developmental Disabilities criteria includes- Autism; MR; CP (severe); Epilepsy (severe) diagnosed before age 22	No
<b>Early Intervention Services</b>  <b>Early Steps</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps">www.ldh.la.gov/earlysteps</a>	Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington <b>985-429-1252</b>	Developmental Screening and Early intervention; ST, OT, PT	Birth – 3 years	No
<b>Educational Assessments</b>  <b>Dept. of Education – website</b> <b>Child Search/Exceptional Children - Pupil Appraisal</b> <a href="http://www.louisianabelieves.com">www.louisianabelieves.com</a>	Livingston <b>225-686-7600</b> St. Helena - Greensburg <b>225-222-4349</b> St. Tammany <b>985-898-3311</b> Tangipahoa <b>985-748-7153</b> Washington <b>985-839-9816</b>	Developmental Screening; Special Education preschool; ST, OT, PT	Developmental Screening 3 – 5 years	No
<b>Emergency/Disaster</b>  <b>American Red Cross LA</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.unitedwaynela.org">www.unitedwaynela.org</a>  <b>Dept of Children and Family Services (DCFS)</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
	United Way <b>211</b>	Community services link	Criteria depends on program	
	Family Services <b>888-524-3578</b>	24 hr hot line-SSI WIC, Medicaid, Food Stamps	Financial Criteria	
<b>Family/Peer Support</b>  <b>Families Helping Families Northshore LA</b> <a href="http://www.fhfnorthshore.org">www.fhfnorthshore.org</a>  <b>Bayouland FHF Information Center</b> <a href="http://www.blfff.org">www.blfff.org</a>  <b>Hands and Voices/Guide by your side</b> <a href="http://www.lahandsandvoices.org">www.lahandsandvoices.org</a>	FHF Main <b>985-875-0511</b> Toll free <b>800-383-8700</b>	Information, referrals, trainings & peer to peer support; education-IEP support;	No cost	No
	Family2Family Information Center <b>800-331-5570</b>	Resources		
	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 no cost to client	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 Services</b>  <b>Florida Parishes Human Services Authority</b> <a href="http://www.fphsa.org">www.fphsa.org</a>	Hammond Bogalusa/ Washington Livingston - St. Helena St. Tammany Tangipahoa Crisis Line*	<b>985-543-4800</b> <b>985-732-6610</b> <b>985-543-4730</b> <b>985-624-4450</b> <b>985-543-4730</b> <b>855-268-1091</b> <b>or call 211</b>	Treatment for Mental Health & Addictive Disorders  *after hours (4:30 pm – 8 am M-F weekends/holidays)	Call for eligibility determination	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 Parent Line (Toll Free)	<b>225-293-3508</b> <b>800-224-4010</b>	Info, referrals, education peer and family mentoring thru age 24	Parent/caregiver & child/youth with emotional, MH/BH challenges	No
<b>Personal Care Services</b> <b>PCS - Medicaid EPSDT</b> <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a>	Toll free	<b>225-342-0555</b> <b>877-455-9955</b> <b>Ext 2</b>	EPSDT personal care services	Medical criteria Medicaid eligible ages birth - 21	MD submits form 90L
<b>Prescription Assistance- Partnership for Prescription Assist</b> <a href="http://www.pparx.org">www.pparx.org</a>  <b>St. Vincent De Paul</b>  <b>CENLA (CMAP)</b>  <b>Wal-Mart</b> <a href="http://www.walmart.com">www.walmart.com</a>	PPA  SVD  CENLA  Local store	<b>888-477-2669</b>  <b>504-940-5031</b>  <b>888-443-7494</b>  contact local store	Rx Assistance  Prescription Assistance  Prescription Assistance  \$4-5/30 day supply	Financial criteria Low/no cost  Financial criteria  Financial criteria  No eligibility generic formulary	No       No
<b>Shriner's Hospitals for Children (Shreveport)</b> <a href="http://www.shrinershospitals.org">www.shrinershospitals.org</a>	Shriner's Main	<b>318-222-5704</b>	Orthopedic conditions; Surgery; Therapy; Equipment	No cost; must keep 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 *Reapply if denied - benefit re- determined at age 18	Medical 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/Healthy Blue Aetna AmeriHealth 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>	Covington Office	<b>866-355-0430</b> <b>985-871-8385</b>	Vocational rehab/work support & counseling 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> <b>Partners for Family Health-Website</b> <a href="https://partnersforfamilyhealth.org/">https://partnersforfamilyhealth.org/</a>	Toll free National helpline *service locator & appointments  Bureau of Family Health online resources	<b>800-251-2229</b>	Food and formula, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, health and pregnancy resources  Resources for mom and baby  Resources for LA families	WIC program - financial criteria *Must keep MD appointments	MD signs WIC app & referral