In 2015 the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health (OPH) and Office of Behavioral Health convened an action learning collaborative focused on building a shared agenda across systems to support the health, development, and wellness of young children. The YCWC brought together various public health and community agencies to work toward improving systems of care for children in Louisiana. This cross-sector state team continues its work to advance cross system maternal and child health (MCH) priorities.

Under the auspices of the Louisiana YCWC, a developmental screening workgroup was tasked with providing guidance around comprehensive developmental screening for Louisiana. The workgroup selected and endorsed a limited group of screening instruments, across key developmental domains, to be promoted in primary care and other settings. The Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines (LDSG) expand screening beyond developmental milestone and autism screening as recommended by the 2006 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy, and follows the 2014 Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN), the 2012 AAP Policy Statement on childhood adversity and toxic stress, and the 2015 AAP Clinical Report addressing screening for social and emotional risk.

The Louisiana Developmental Screening Guidelines are designed to support pediatric and family medicine providers with the tools to implement and build robust developmental screening services at the practice level. Free trainings, materials, and technical assistance are available for Louisiana providers serving children 0-5 years.

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