

Setting the Stage for Success

Practice Resources

Bright Futures – www.brightfutures.org. Bright Futures, initiated by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is a philosophy and approach that is dedicated to the principle that every child deserves to be healthy, and that optimal health involves a trusting relationship between the health professional, the child, the family, and the community. As part of this initiative, they provide comprehensive health supervision guidelines, publications, training tools, and other resources such as pocket guides.

CDC, Learn the Signs, Act Early – www.cdc.gov/actearly. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is one of 13 components of HHS. They launched this campaign for increasing awareness by physicians and families about the early warning signs of autism and other developmental disorders. Contains free child development kits that providers can share with parents, fact sheets on developmental milestones, positive parenting tips, etc.

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics – www.dbpeds.org. This site is closely connected with the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and has a multidisciplinary Professional Advisory Committee. The Commonwealth Fund provides major funding and the project is located in Saint Petersburg Florida. Contains a tutorial on screening, as well as extensive information on screening tools and practice materials.

First Signs – www.firstsigns.org, is a national non-profit organization dedicated to educating parents and pediatric professionals about the early warning signs of autism and other developmental disorders. Contains information on autism, wall charts for exam rooms which contain developmental milestones, videos, and screening kits.

Institute for Healthcare Quality Improvement (IHI) – www.ihq.org The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is a non-for-profit organization leading the improvement of health care throughout the world. IHI was founded in 1991 and is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Institute helps accelerate change in health care by cultivating promising concepts for improving patient care and turning those ideas into action through books, papers, videos, and training.

Reach Out and Read – www.reachoutandread.org. A national non-profit organization that makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric primary care, so that children grow up with books and a love of reading. They provide training and resources to pediatricians and other clinicians on the strategies of pediatric literacy promotion.

The National Center of Medical Home Initiatives for Children with Special Health Care Needs – www.medicalhomeinfo.org – The mission of the National Center is to work in cooperation with federal agencies, particularly the Maternal and Child Health

Bureau (MCHB), to ensure that children with special needs have access to a medical home. Provides a wide range of resources, e.g. The "Every Child Deserves a Medical Home" Training Program, Screening Initiatives, medical home listserv for national networking etc. for physicians, families, and medical and non-medical providers.

Zero to Three – www.zerotothree.org. A national non-profit organization dedicated to advancing current knowledge; promoting beneficial policies and practices; communicating research and best practices to a wide variety of audiences; and providing training, technical assistance and leadership development.

Parent Materials/Anticipatory Guidance

Division TEACCH – www.teacch.com. Developed in the early 1970's by founder, Eric Schopler, the TEACCH approach includes a focus on the person with autism and the development of a program around this person's skills, interests, and needs. Contains training materials to include in-home training kits, screening tools, and the latest research.

First Signs – www.firstsigns.org. Parent brochures and developmental milestone “pullout” cards, etc. (See description above for “who they are.”)

Kids Growth – www.kidsgrowth.com. A site for parents developed by pediatricians with handouts on an array of topics such as developmental milestones, behavior, family communication, sleep disorders, toilet training and resources for Grandparent Parents.

Parents Action for Children – www.parentsaction.org. A national non-profit dedicated to advancing the interests of families and children. Parents Action develops parent education materials, connects parent with one another, and fights for issues such as early education, health care, and high quality and affordable child care.

Parents as Teachers – www.parentsasteachers.org. It is an affiliation of many organizations and people with a common mission: To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life. Their four-part intervention model known as Born to Learn delivers its support/program through parent educators while professional development is delivered directly to professionals.

Search Institute – www.search-institute.org. Search Institute is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide leadership, knowledge, and resources to promote healthy children, youth, and communities. At the heart of the institute's work is the framework of 40 Developmental Assets, which are positive experiences and personal qualities that young people need to grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. Contains research training, and consultation.

Smart Start – www.ncsmartstart.org. North Carolina’s nationally recognized and award-winning early childhood initiative designed to ensure that young children enter

school healthy and ready to succeed. Contains information on national training, free resources for parents, grants for states, and publications on school readiness, etc

Zero to Three – www.zerotothree.org. – Parent Handouts, information on maternal depression, brain development, etc. (See description above on “who they are.”)

Policy

Commonwealth Fund – www.cmwf.org. The mission of The Commonwealth Fund is to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children, and elderly adults. The Fund carries out this mandate by supporting independent research on health care issues and making grants to improve health care practice and policy. An international program in health policy is designed to stimulate innovative policies and practices in the United States and other industrialized countries.

Federal Reserve Bank-Minneapolis -

www.minneapolisfed.org/research/studies/earlychild/ The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks that, together with the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C., make up the Federal Reserve System—the United States' central bank. Web sites of the Board of Governors and each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks include publications, news releases, speeches and other information on the economy and banking. They have a selection of special studies on early childhood development.

National Academy for State Health Policy – www.nashp.org. NASHP is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to helping states achieve excellence in health policy and practice. They have programs, research, and publications available on health issues facing states.

National Center for Children in Poverty – www.nccp.org. Non-profit, non-partisan research and policy organization at Columbia University that identifies and promotes strategies that prevent child poverty in the US and that improve the lives of low-income children and families. Site has information on media resources, fact sheets, and state profiles.

National Scientific Council on the Developing Child – www.developingchild.net

The goal of the Council is to bring sound and accurate science to bear on public decision making affecting the lives of young children. The Council was created by a group of the nation's leading scientists in early childhood development and they are housed at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. The council is a multidisciplinary collaboration designed to institutionalize and extend the work that culminated in the preparation and release of *From Neurons to Neighborhoods* through the active, ongoing dissemination of accessible research findings on early childhood development to the media, the public, and the nation's policymakers.

Parents Action for Children – www.parentsaction.org. (See description above on “who they are”)

Zero to Three – www.zerotothree.org. (See description above on “who they are”)

Family Voices – www.familyvoices.org. A national grassroots clearinghouse for information and education regarding the healthcare of children with special health needs. Information and resources concerning public and private health care changes.

Center for Child and Family Policy – www.pubpol.duke.edu/centers/child/ The Center’s mission is to solve problems facing children in contemporary society by bringing together scholars from many disciplines with policy makers and practitioners. They provide research and publications on three areas of focus – youth violence and problem behaviors, education policy reform, and early childhood adversity.

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Screening Tools

See “ABCD” Screening Overview for tools and their respective websites