

# Comprehensive and Aligned System for Early Childhood Screening and Assessment: Wisconsin's Blueprint 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

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#### **Historical Overview**

- 2010: Report from Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) to Governor to create a comprehensive screening and assessment system. The system was designed to:
  - Identify children's individual developmental needs.
  - Facilitate referrals to appropriate services.
- 2011: Specific initiative created a Blueprint for Screening and Assessment from the Healthy Children Committee
- **2012**: ECAC recognized the recommendations to continue to guide its work.
  - The Blueprint for a Comprehensive and Aligned System for Screening and Assessment of Young Children
  - Developmental screening tip sheets
  - Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant (RTT-ELC)



#### Historical Overview (Continued)

- **2013**: Recommendations continued to be proposed to the Governor with these strategies to:
  - o Institute the timeline
  - Promote consistent cross-system screening and assessment process in communities
  - Promote Blueprint within state programs
  - Train early childhood providers in evidence-based developmental screening and assessment
  - Collaborative preventive oral health services
  - Align and integrate developmental screening with 4/5K assessments
  - Explore identifying and implementing a comprehensive kindergarten assessment process
- 2014: Continued recommendations prioritized identifying local efforts and opportunities to increase access to screening and assessment and connect families to services.



#### Purpose of the Blueprint

- Work collaboratively to build a comprehensive system in Wisconsin
- Build policies on how child care works with schools and Birth-to-3.
- Develop data sharing with the focus on Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ).
- Build aligned screening and assessment practices through professional development across sectors.
- Guide professional development with child care centers and family providers.
- Promote connections between Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and Response to Intervention (RTI) practices.
- Promote better information sharing.

### Critical Time Periods for Early Childhood Screening and Assessment: Visual Chart

A Model for a Comprehensive and Aligned Screening and Assessment (Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Purpose	Birth	2 Months	6 Months	9 Months	12 Months	18 Months	24 or 30 Months	36 Months	4 Years 4K	5 Years 5K	8 Years 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Newborn Blood Screening for Inherited Conditions		•									
Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening		•									
Hearing Screening	•								•	•	•
Maternal Depression Screening	One Betwee month										
Childhood Risk Assessment for Obesity	H/W	H/W	H/W	H/W	H/W		ВМІ	ВМІ	ВМІ	ВМІ	
Oral Health Screening			•	•	Dental examinations should be performed every six months or as indicated by the child's risk status/susceptibility to disease.						
General Developmental Screening				•		•	•	•	•		
Blood Lead Level Testing					•		•	High risk children who have not been tested prior to their 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday should receive a test once between age 3 and 5 years.			
Autism Spectrum Disorders Screening						•	•				
Vision Screening								•	•	•	•
Early Literacy									•	•	•
Ongoing Comprehensive Assessment of General Development*	+										

### Critical Time Periods for Early Childhood Screening and Assessment: Fact Sheets

A fact sheet is provided for each area of screening and assessment listed in order of appearance on the Critical Time Periods Visual Chart (see page 7):

- Newborn Blood Screening for Inherited Conditions
- Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Maternal Depression Screening
- Childhood Risk Assessment for Obesity
- Oral Health Screening
- General Developmental Screening
- Blood Lead Level Testing
- Autism Spectrum Disorders Screening
- Vision Screening
- Early Literacy
- Ongoing Comprehensive Assessment of General Development



#### **Fact Sheets**

- Brief description
- References/sources
- Current status
- Actions to address existing gaps



#### **Connections**

- Child care
- YoungStar
- Home visiting
- Head Start
- Public schools
- Disability services
- Public Health
- Primary Care Providers



## Screening/Early Identification Website: Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners



http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/curriculum-assessment-child-assessment.php



#### Marketing

- How does your program plan to disseminate the document?
- Does this help you to know what is going on in other programs/systems?
- How would you/your program envision using the Blueprint
  - o Internally?
  - o Externally?
- By using the Blueprint, how do you see this improving cross systems work?
  - Examples



#### **Thank You**

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#### **Questions**

