

# Coos Coalition for Young Children and Families

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## **Indicators for healthy social and emotional development of the child:**

1. % of unduplicated children 0-5 receiving ASQ and ASQ-SE screening at least once a year
2. % of children referred for further assessment and treatment if indicated

## **Why is developmental screening for children birth-5 important for supporting healthy social and emotional outcomes for children in Coos County ?**

- Between 10 and 14 percent of children from birth to five years old experience social-emotional problems that negatively impact their functioning, development and school-readiness. Because behavioral problems among young children are often predictive of later conduct problems, antisocial behaviors, delinquency and serious mental health problems, early identification of social and emotional problems is critical.
- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 17 percent of children have a developmental or behavioral disability such as autism, intellectual disability (also known as mental retardation), or Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and many more have language or other delays; yet less than half of these children are identified before starting school, by which time significant delays already might have occurred and opportunities for treatment might have been missed.
- Research indicates that with the use of developmentally appropriate screening and assessment of very young children there are significant increases in the number of young children identified and appropriately served.
- Children identified through screening may be connected with early intervention programs which often provide evaluation services and developmental therapies, service coordination, social work services, assistance with transportation and related costs, family training, counseling, and home visits.

## **What is happening now in Coos on developmental screening-(organizations involved, strategies/activities currently in place)?**

- The Family Resource Center, Northern Human Services, 12 early childhood centers, as well as Coos Family Healthy Services, Weeks Medical Center and Indian Stream Health Center have adopted the Ages and Stages Screening Questionnaire (ASQ-3) and Ages and Stages Social Emotional (ASQ-SE) as part of the statewide initiative called Watch Me Grow.
- There are protocols and systemic training available in the use of the ASQ and ASQ-SE to preschool providers, mental health workers and family support home visitors throughout Coos County in order to make consistent, research based developmental screening available and accessible to organizations and parents across the county
- Coos is part of the statewide developmental screening data collection system called Welligent

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- There has been a significant increase in the awareness of the importance developmental screening
- The Coos Watch Me Grow committee meets at least quarterly to review progress in the expansion of developmental screening and to track the data collection

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