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Did You Know that the 2006 American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement recommends that primary care practices provide developmental screening for EVERY child at 9, 18 and 30 months and screening for Autism at 18 and 24 months with a standardized screening tool?

About one in 68 children are diagnosed with Autism in the United States. As many as one in eight has a developmental delay that may be responsive to early treatment. Yet, fewer than 30% of children with developmental delays are identified before entering school – this means we are missing 70% of children when treatment may be the MOST effective.

The earlier we identify children at risk for Autism and/or Developmental Delay, the earlier they receive intervention services allowing them better outcomes down the road. In Indiana we are catching up with this recommended practice and over 500 physicians are now screening and referring children for services. Join your colleagues in providing optimal care.

Benefits of Early Intervention Programs:

- Academic achievement
- Improved behavior
- Decreased special education costs

Start Screening Today

Nancy Swigonski, MD, MPH, FAAP, in the School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, along with our Child Health Improvement Partnership Indiana (CHIP IN) team I.U. School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, are reaching out to primary care practices in your area to promote healthy development for young children and achieve earlier identification and intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Developmental Delay

We would like to provide you with the following **FREE** developmental screening tools and information:

- Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)-3 Toolkit - general developmental screen
- Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised with Follow-Up (MCHAT-R/F) - screen for ASD
- Information on coding and payment for developmental screening
- Contact information for the 12 statewide early evaluation hub sites
- Information on a network of early intervention services and resources in your area

Kiwanis Indiana and Riley Children's Foundation have provided funding and support for these materials and our efforts to reach you.

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