

What role can you play?

Screener

Screen children's social communication development using the Smart ESAC and determine if further evaluation is needed.

Encourager

Support families to learn the social communication milestones and to use the online tools and resources that are available.

Service Provider

Coach families to support their child's social communication development in everyday activities to make every moment count for learning.

Champion

Promote professional development and advocate for policies that encourage system change to improve early detection.

Where are you on the care team?

Home Visiting Programs provide comprehensive home-based services that help families understand the importance of their child's social communication development and how it impacts learning and development.

Examples of agencies include: Early Head Start, Nurse-Family Partnerships, Parents As Teachers, Healthy Families, Healthy Start, and Teenage Pregnancy Program.

Child Care and Early Learning provides services, training, and leadership in the areas of early childhood development and education for children from birth to 5 years of age. Plays a critical role in supporting social communication development and detecting delays early that could impact lifelong learning.

Examples of agencies include: Early Head Start; Early Learning Coalition; Office of Early Learning; Office of Great Start; Bright from the Start.

Faith and Community Organizations provide an array of services that represent the values and beliefs of families and communities that support the wellbeing and positive development of children.

Examples of services include: Parenting Classes, Nursery and Day Care Centers, Foster Care and Adoption, Employment and Job Training, Homeless and Domestic Abuse Shelters, Mental Health Clinics, Halfway House for Substance Abuse, Food/Soup Kitchens, and Health and Wellness Programs.

Screening and Referrals Agencies

conduct or link families to screenings in key areas of early childhood development and provide referrals. Assess a child's social communication development as early as 9 months old and determine if early intervention services are needed.

Examples of agencies include: Help Me Grow; 211; Child Find; Medicaid P; CHADIS Whole Child.

Part C Early Intervention Services are federally funded programs that assist states in providing comprehensive early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, birth to 3 years of age, and their families. Link families to online tools and resources that will teach them how to better support their child with social communication delays in everyday activities right away.

Family Support Services provide assistance to families in need of help that includes health, counseling, parenting, mentoring, food, clothing, shelter, employment, and training. Help parents understand what typical development looks like in young children and how to better support their child with social communication delays.

Examples of services include: Housing Authority; Children's Medical Society; Child Welfare; Adoption and Foster Care; Baby Courts; Homeless and Domestic Abuse Shelters; Neighborhood Associations; Community Centers; WIC.

Primary Care / Medical Home is a process of care. It provides primary care health services that are accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, and culturally effective. The pediatric medical home intersects with other agencies to improve early detection and link families to resources and services.