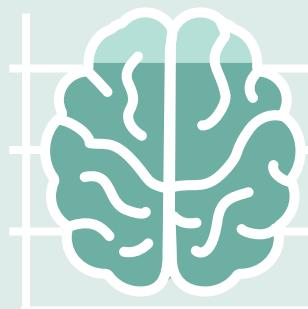


# A Healthy Beginning for Young California Kids: Universal Developmental & Behavioral Screenings

Identifying concerns and intervening early  
boosts child success and reduces health  
and education system costs



**Nearly  
85%**  
of brain development  
happens in the first  
three years of life

Infants and toddlers rapidly grow and gain skills  
in many areas simultaneously:



gross & fine  
motor



cognitive &  
problem-solving



social &  
emotional

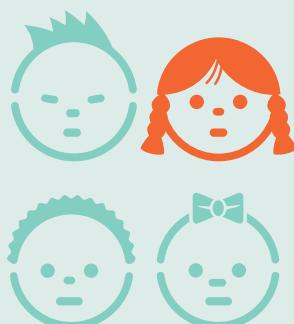


speech &  
language

Pediatricians recommend all children  
be screened routinely between  
birth and age three



**Fewer than 1 in 3**  
young children in  
California receive timely  
developmental screenings



**1 in 4 CA kids**

under age 6 are at  
moderate- or high-risk  
for developmental,  
behavioral, or social  
delays, but

**CA ranks 30<sup>th</sup>**

in the nation on the rate  
of infant & toddler  
developmental  
screenings



**2 in 5 CA parents**

with children under  
age 6 report having  
concerns about their  
child's physical,  
behavioral, or social  
development



**Routine screenings** of children's  
development during a health care visit  
help guide referrals to the services  
children need, resulting in  
cost-effective care and  
better outcomes  
for kids

