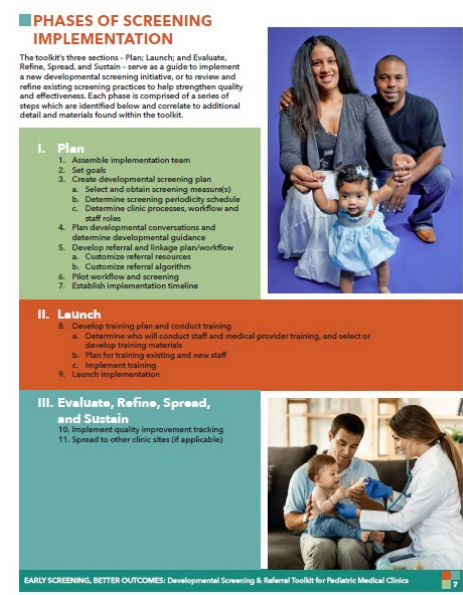
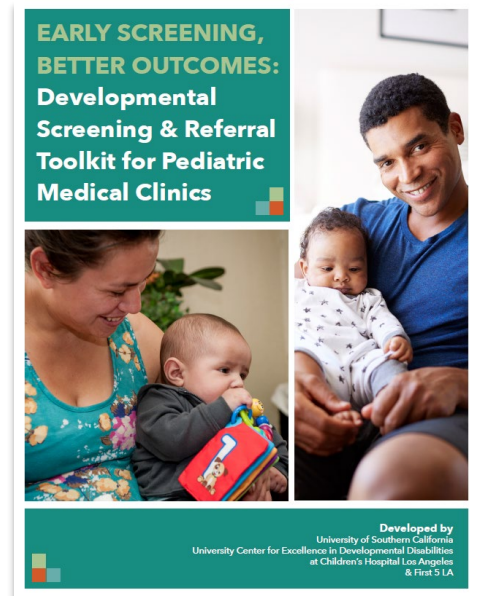


First 5 LA is excited to announce the release of the [“Early Screening, Better Outcomes: Developmental Screening & Referral Toolkit for Pediatric Medical Clinics”](#). Developed by University of Southern California, University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) and First 5 LA, this Toolkit for Pediatric Medical Clinics presents the phases to implement a new developmental screening initiative, or refine existing screening practices to strengthen quality and effectiveness within a pediatric medical setting. Each phase is comprised of a series of steps and tools.

Well-child visits in the first three years of life provide a golden opportunity for developmental conversations between medical providers and parents that can:

- Support developmental progress of the child(ren)
- Enhance parent-child relationships
- Provide linkage to needed resources
- Strengthen connections between families and pediatric providers

Developmental monitoring during these early years, including surveillance and standardized screening, is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and supports developmental conversations during well-child visits. In California, developmental screenings are reimbursed in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery Systems.



This toolkit was developed based on lessons learned from the First Connections initiative. Since 2014, First 5 LA has funded six grantees and a training and technical assistance provider (CHLA) to prioritize early identification and intervention for young children and connect them and their families with culturally and linguistically appropriate services as early as possible. Grantees included three Federally Qualified Health Center – AltaMed Health Services, Eisner Health and Northeast Valley Health Corporation – that contributed to the development and testing of toolkit materials.

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