

Saves time:

- Scores, reports, billing information and ICD-9 codes are automatically generated by **PEDS Online**
- Parents can self-administer **PEDS: Developmental Milestones** to ensure accurate early detection, eliminating the need to informally elicit milestones (which is known to miss most children with problems)
- **PEDS** provides validated questions and accurate decision support so it's not necessary to form questions to elicit parents' concerns
- Shortens visits and eliminates "oh by the way" concerns after a well/sick child visit.



Ensures audit documentation:

- Ensures compliance with Medicaid mandates
- Provides proof that validated, standardized screens were used

Increases clinic revenues:

- Provides needed codes for optimal reimbursement
- Helps ensure that clinics receive ~ \$10.00 - \$13.00 per screen

Improves quality of care:

- Increases parent and provider satisfaction
- Ensures accurate decision-making about children and families' needs
- Ensures that screens are correctly administered (e.g., if answers are circled on **PEDS** but no words are written on the forms).
- Provides support for Quality Improvement and Maintenance of Certification efforts, via a searchable database, and abundant content on www.pedstest.com offering background information, current research updates, etc.

Provides training support:

- Supplies slide shows, videos, case examples, frequently asked questions and other guidance helpful for training staff and providers
- Makes email and telephone support from **PEDS Online** available



You

have regular contact with children before they reach school age, and are able to provide family-centered, comprehensive, coordinated care, including a more complete medical assessment when a screening indicates a child is at risk for a developmental problem.

Screening Recommendations

Research has found that Autism Spectrum Disorder can sometimes be detected at 18 months or younger. By age 2, a diagnosis by an experienced professional can be considered very reliable. However, many children do not receive a final diagnosis until they are much older. This delay means that children with an ASD might not get the help they need. The earlier an ASD is diagnosed, the sooner treatment services can begin.

The **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** recommends that all children be screened for developmental delays and disabilities during regular well-child doctor visits at:

- 9 months
- 18 months
- 24 or 30 months

Easy & Quick Referral

Specially trained Help Me Grow specialists at Delaware 2-1-1 can help your families connect with programs, services, and helpful information about their child's development.



Families trust you. Children depend on you.

Tell your families about the importance of developmental screening. Ask them to complete the **Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)** to help their children thrive.





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Research confirms that parents are reliable sources of information about their children's development. Evidence-based screening tools that incorporate parent reports, such as **PEDS**, can facilitate structured communication between parents and providers to discover parent concerns, increase parent and provider observations of the child's development, and increase parent awareness.

Use your influence to help detect developmental problems early so interventions can have positive outcomes.



A Strong Partnership

between parents and pediatricians can make a profound difference in the lives of children.

Early intervention can help:

- Raise children's cognitive test scores
- Increase achievement at school, as measured by higher IQ and achievement test scores
- Improve high school graduation rates
- Enhance grades in school
- Decrease the need required for special education
- Lower the rate of grade repetition



Share the materials included in this kit to encourage and remind your families to take the **PEDS** test. Let them know you will discuss the results with them at their next well-child visit, and that you will be with them every step of the way if interventions are needed.

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Please Keep Reminding Them

Early intervention can have a profound impact on the quality of life for children at risk and their families. The key is early detection. Some families may need to be persuaded or reminded to take the **PEDS** test.



They may be afraid or feel ashamed. They may find any number of excuses to put it off. A reminder from you can be a big help. Ask your families if they've taken the PEDS test yet the next time you see them. You could have change the outcome of a child's life!

(We will insert a chart to show the goal:
number of children screened increased from 22, 755 to 25, 000 by 2015)





