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Notes on Developmental Surveillance & Screening

**The 2006 AAP recommendation for developmental surveillance and screening include:**

* Continuous developmental surveillance, all visits
* Periodic developmental screening using a standardized tool
* Formal screening periodically with a standardized tool at 9 months, 18 months (including screening for autism), 30 months (24, 36 mo), and any time surveillance or parent raises concern
* Further medical and developmental evaluation if delays identified
* Early developmental intervention
* Chronic-condition management

Note that a revision to this policy statement is currently underway.

**Tips on Talking about Developmental Screening & Results with Families**

*adapted from How to Administer PEDS: Parents’ Evaluation of Developmental Status  
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<http://www.pedstest.com/portals/0/downloads/howtoadministerpeds.ppt>

* Prepare parents for screening in a positive way
* Inform parents about the purpose for each test
* Validate concerns expressed by parents
* Use descriptive terms rather than diagnostic labels
* Present news in a thoughtful, caring way, preferably in person
* Provide hope
* **Help parents to establish action plan**

**Here’s where   
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can help!**

* **Provide contact information for resources in community**
* **Offer ongoing support**
* Provide informational handouts