# FAQ: PEDS

# What is it?

- "Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status" (PEDS) Tip Sheet PEDS; Glascoe, 2013
- A screening tool used to identify young children at risk for developmental delays.
- A parent-report tool that can be administered during well-child visits.
- The PEDS elicits parents' developmental concerns.
- Current version includes 10 questions in 9 developmental areas.
  - Response options include: *yes, no, a little* and space to write in concerns.
- A single form that can be used for all ages. Can be completed by caregivers in 5 minutes.
- Written at the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level.
- Available in multiple languages including Spanish.
- For experienced personnel, scoring should take about 2 minutes.
- No special training is required to administer or score the tool.

### When to use it?

- Validated for use with children ages 0-8 years.
- The AAP recommends a general developmental screening at 9-, 18, & 24-/30- months.
- -Or- use when parents report a concern or across time points for surveillance.

#### How to use it?

- Be prepared with a response form and a score form for each child being screened.
- The PEDS is meant to be used longitudinally, if a child has been screened before, use the same score form.
- Adjust for prematurity if:
  - > a child was more than 3 weeks premature and
  - is under 2 years old.
- Ask caregivers if they would like to complete the form on their own or have it read as an interview.
  - > The <u>PEDS</u> must be re-administered if caregivers only circle answers and do not write any words on the form.
- If administered as an interview, read the questions verbatim. Rewording or reinterpreting the questions may lead to under-identification of children with developmental concerns.
- Score the PEDS (see reverse for scoring tips).

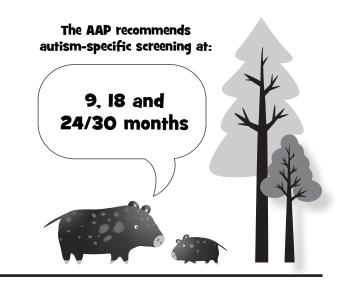
## **Additional Information:**

- Sensitivity: 91% 97; Specificity: 73% 86%.
- A PEDS: DM (Developmental Milestones) form is also available.
- The PEDS is a copyrighted instrument. It can be purchased at www.pedstest.com

#### Where can I get more information or training?

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