

## SUMMARY

All children grow and develop at different rates. While a lag in one or two skills may not be significant, a delay in several skills could be. The sooner an effort is made to determine whether a delay exists, the sooner action can be taken.

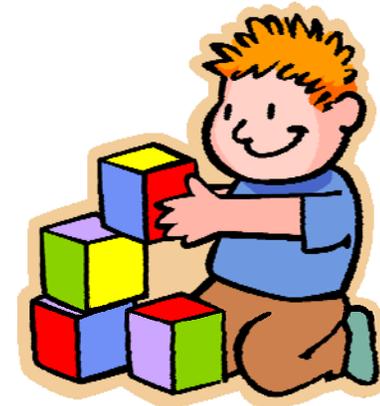
You are fortunate to be part of a cooperative that values and supports the education of young children. Take advantage of this opportunity. You have nothing to lose but much to gain.

**L.E.A.S.E. PRESCHOOL  
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Screenings will be held in your area and registrations will be taken during the week of \_\_\_\_\_.

Call \_\_\_\_\_ to schedule a screening appointment.

# WHAT IS PRESCHOOL SCREENING?



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## **WHAT IS SCREENING?**

Screening is a process for checking a child in key areas of development such as:

Speech/Language  
Vision/Hearing  
General Readiness

The screening is enjoyable for the children and uses a "game like" setting (e.g. blocks, pictures, toys, etc.). It is a pleasant experience for children because it is not a highly structured formal test.

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any 3, 4, or 5 year old child who resides in one of the 27 school districts in the L.E.A.S.E. Cooperative.

## **WHY SCREEN?**

Screening is a developmental check, similar to the physical check-up your child has at the doctor. The purpose is to assure that your child is developing as expected for his/her age level. If the screening indicates an area of concern, further evaluation is recommended.

## **HOW LONG DOES THE SCREENING TAKE?**

The entire screening process takes approximately 30 minutes.

## **IS SCREENING ONLY FOR CHILDREN WITH PROBLEMS?**

Screening is a service for all 3, 4, and 5 year old children. It lets you know whether or not your child's development is appropriate for his/her age.

## **WILL THE SCREENING TELL ME IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?**

No. This screening tells you if your child is developing appropriately for his/her age.

## **WHO WILL SCREEN MY CHILD?**

Our screening team is made up of professionals who have experience working with young children. We want this to be a positive learning experience for you and your child.

## **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

There is no charge for preschool screening or if further evaluations are needed.

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SCREENING?**

A screening team member will share results and observations with you. You will have an opportunity to discuss the observations and any concerns you may have.

## **WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS FURTHER TESTING?**

Further testing may be necessary if your child has a suspected delay. Results of this testing will then be discussed with you and special programs or further evaluations may be recommended.

## **IF I HAVE MY CHILD SCREENED AT AGE THREE, SHOULD IT BE DONE AGAIN WHEN THE CHILD IS FOUR?**

We encourage you to do so. This is a way for you to know that your child is continuing to develop as expected.