

Early identification matters!



Guam Early Learning Council's Vision Statement

"All of Guam's young children will have healthy minds, bodies, & spirits as the foundation for lifelong success."



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Monitoring, screening, evaluating, and diagnosing children as early as possible are important steps to making sure that children receive the services and supports they need to reach their full potential.



PARENT-ENGAGED DEVELOPMENTAL MONITORING

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- Developmental monitoring helps parents see or watch how their children play, learn, speak, behave, and move like other children their age.
- If your child is not meeting milestones or you have concerns, ask their doctor for a developmental screening.
- Use the **“Learn The Signs, Act Early.” Developmental Checklists** or the **Milestone Tracker App** to track your child’s development and learn which milestones to look for. www.cdc.gov/Milestones/ / www.cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker



GENERAL DEVELOPMENTAL AND AUTISM SCREENING

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- Tell your child’s doctor or nurse that your child is not meeting milestones and that you have concerns and ask for a developmental screening for your child. You can even bring your completed developmental checklist with you to the appointment.
- You can also contact the following to request a developmental screening for your child:
 - ◇ **NENI 311** – Dial 3-1-1 and select option for early childhood
 - ◇ **Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS)** at **(671) 300-5776** or email geis@gdoe.net
 - ◇ If your child is over age 3 you can contact the **Department of Education, Division of Special Education – Parent Services** at **(671)300-1322** or **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)** at **(671)300-1329** or email sped@gdoe.net



REFERRAL FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES/ EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD

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- Fill out the **Universal Referral Form** which can be found at www.gdoe.net.
- Once the form is completed, contact GEIS or ECSE via email at geis@gdoe.net or sped@gdoe.net to submit the form or call them at **(671) 300-5776** or **(671) 300-1329**. You can also drop off the referral to the GEIS or ECSE offices at 501 Mariner Avenue, Building B, Tiyan.
- The form can be completed by a parent, relative, childcare provider, doctor, nurse, hospital, or service provider from DPHSS – Community Health Centers, Project Bisita I Familia, or Bureau of Social Services Administration, GDOE – GEIS, Guam Head Start, U.S. Naval Hospital Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS).



RECEIPT OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES/ EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD

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- You will be contacted about what services your child needs and other supports that are available for your child and family.
- Some support services may include home visits, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, vision services, hearing services, assistive technology, and more.
- The key is to learn about what your child needs and make sure they get the supports and services to help them grow happy, healthy, and safe.