



**Physicians Network Breakfast  
Helping Doctors and Families  
Navigate Support Services for  
Children Ages 3-5**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
7:15 am-9:00 am  
Marion Street Cheese Market  
(100 S. Marion St., Oak Park)

**Featuring a panel of local area Early Childhood  
Special Education Representatives:**

**Michele Suedbeck**, Oak Park D97  
**Karen Boozell**, River Forest D90  
**Ernest Cherullo**, Cicero D99  
**Amanda Thompson**, South Berwyn D100

To attend the breakfast presentation at  
Marion Street Cheese Market, please  
RSVP by April 12<sup>th</sup> to: Tatiana Gomez at  
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## A PERSPECTIVE ON the Importance of Developmental Screening

By Rachel Wood, MAT, CCC-SLP/L

We have all heard the statement “the earlier we start, the farther we go”. This is definitely true for children. According to the CDC, if a child has a developmental delay, it is important to get help as soon as possible. When a developmental delay is not found early, it could result in children having to wait to get the help they need when they enter Kindergarten. This may cause challenges for the child when starting school. The stimulation and early experiences a child is exposed to has a direct impact on their development. However, some children experience gaps or delays in their development. It is important to identify developmental delays early so that the child has the best opportunity to minimize the effects of the delay. Parents who have concerns about their child’s development may consult with the child’s primary care doctor who, in turn, can assist the family in making a referral. A child under the age of three can be referred to the appropriate Child and Family Connections office. A child three and older should be referred to their local school district for screening and possible evaluation. This will determine whether the child will qualify and benefit from early childhood opportunities. As stated in the Zero to Three Journal, “The early years of a child’s life are very important for his or her health and development. Healthy development means that children of all abilities, including those with special health care needs, are able to grow up where their social, emotional and educational needs are met.”

### Developmental Screening Resources

1. [Collaboration for Early Childhood](#)
2. [Centers for Disease Control, "Learn the Signs. Act Early." Information for Healthcare Providers](#)
3. [Zero to Three](#)
4. [Enhancing Developmentally Oriented Primary Care Project](#)

## ANNOUNCING A NEW ADDITION!

### Partnering With Parents



Partnering with Parents supports children prenatal to three years old in Oak Park and River Forest through home visiting and group activities that help parents grow as their child’s first teacher, meet other parents and get connected to other needed services.

Partnering with Parents offers high-quality and innovative services that are brought to you by Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago with support from the Collaboration for Early Childhood.

### Benefits of Home Visiting

- Services are free and offered by highly qualified staff
- Makes a real difference in the lives of parents and children
- Helps all children enter school ready to learn
- Utilizes an evidence-based home visiting model
- Helps to build strong families and promotes positive parent-child interaction or relationships
- Improves children’s health and development
- Parents receive information, referrals for needed services and support from knowledgeable and compassionate staff

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## Developmental Screening Corner

Shannon Ellison, M.Ed, the Collaboration's Developmental Screening Coordinator, continues to work with community physicians to provide:

- support around using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3) and Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE) Online.
- support to implement an effective and efficient developmental screening program.
- support around establishing effective and efficient referral and follow-up procedures for children in need of referrals, so that these practices can continue to provide a high-quality medical home for patients.

**To receive this valuable support for your practice, contact:**

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**ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE** are research-based, standardized, valid and reliable developmental screening tools. They are designed to identify those things that children CAN do, but also can identify areas of development where children may benefit from further assessment and possibly additional support. They DO NOT provide diagnoses.

**ASQ-3** focuses on each child's global development (communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal-social skills).

**ASQ: SE** examines the social and emotional competence of children. This instrument looks at the areas of self-regulation, compliance, communication, adaptive behaviors, autonomy, affect, and interaction with people.



## **PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILIES** **Community-Wide Vision and Hearing Screening** **AND** **Baby Fair**

Saturday, April 16, 2016  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  
Percy Julian Middle School  
416 S. Ridgeland  
Oak Park, IL 60302

**Community-Wide Vision and Hearing Screening:** The Collaboration for Early Childhood will be offering FREE vision and hearing screenings conducted by a licensed vision and hearing screening technician. All children 3-5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten) are eligible for screening.

**Baby Fair:** Expecting a new baby? Recently welcomed one? Join us to meet representatives from agencies, groups, and businesses that support babies and parents, who will be available to answer questions and provide information about their services. This is also a great opportunity to learn what the Oak Park Public Library can offer even the youngest patrons.

Our mission is to make sure that all children (birth to age 5) in our local community arrive at kindergarten safe, healthy, ready to succeed and eager to learn.

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