

Validated Screening Tools for Developmental Delays and Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Developmental Delays

Validated Screening Tool	Age Range	Description	Administration Time	Where to purchase this tool and/or find additional information:
Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) Available in English and Spanish	4 months to 5 years 6 months	A series of 21 questionnaires, depending on age of child, with a focus on: screening for communication; gross motor; fine motor; problem solving and personal adaptive skills. The parent completes one questionnaire. The provider scores by transferring answers to a scoring sheet, compares the child's scores to the cut-off points on the scoring sheet and communicates the results to the parent.	10-15 minutes	Ages & Stages website: www.agesandstages.com The Ages & Stages Questionnaires may be purchased from: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company (800) 638-3775 www.brookespublishing.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization; provides a cutoff score in 5 domains of development that indicates possible need for further evaluation.	
Battelle Developmental Inventory Screening Test, 2nd ed (BDI-2) Available in English and Spanish	Birth to 7 years 11 months	This directly administered screening tool is comprised of 96 items with a focus on: personal-social skills; adaptive behavior; psychomotor ability; communication and cognition (including subtests for fine and gross motor skills and expressive and receptive communications). The BDI-2 Screening Test can be modified for children with special needs.	10-30 minutes	The "BDI-2 Screener Test" and the "BDI-2 Screener Kit" may be purchased from: Riverside Publishing Co. (800) 323-9540 www.riverpub.com
			Scoring Method Quantitative; scaled scores in all 5 domains are compared with cutoffs to determine need for referral.	
Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development®, Third Edition Screening Test (Bayley-III®) Available in English	1 month to 3 years 6 months	Development areas measured focus on: cognitive; language (expressive and receptive communications); fine motor and gross motor domains.	15-25 minutes	The Bayley-III® Screening Test may be purchased from: Pearson (800) 211-8378 http://pearsonassess.com
			Scoring Method Cut scores according to age for cognitive, language and motor scales.	
Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development®, Third Edition Motor Scale Kit (Bayley-III®) Available in English	1 month to 3 years 6 months	Identifies motor delays in infants and toddlers. Includes growth charts for plotting motor growth over time, fine motor subtests and gross motor subtests.	10-20 minutes depending on the child's age	The Bayley-III® Motor Scale Test may be purchased from: Pearson (800) 211-8378 http://pearsonassess.com
			Scoring Method Scaled scores, composite scores, growth scores. Includes percentile ranks and age equivalents.	

<p>Brigance® Infant & Toddler Screen</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish</p>	<p>Birth to 23 months</p>	<p>Development areas measured focus on: fine and gross motor; receptive and expressive communications; self-help; and social-emotional scales. Accommodations are made for infants born prematurely (until age 2). The screen also has adjustments and separate cut-offs for children at psychosocial risks.</p>	<p>10–15 minutes</p> <p>Scoring Method</p> <p>Scoring software with technical report automatically computes chronological age and creates reports with at-risk cutoffs, growth indicators, percentiles, quotients, and age equivalents.</p>	<p>The Brigance® Infant & Toddler Screen may be purchased from:</p> <p>Curriculum Associates Inc. (800) 225-0248 www.curriculumassociates.com</p>
<p>Brigance® Early Preschool Screen-II</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish</p>	<p>24 months to 5 years 11 months</p>	<p>Development areas measured focus on: fine and gross motor; general comprehension; speech and language; preacademic and academic, self-help and social-emotional scales.</p>	<p>10-15 minutes</p> <p>Scoring Method</p> <p>Scoring software with technical report automatically creates reports with at-risk cutoffs, growth indicators, percentiles, quotients, and age equivalents.</p>	<p>The Brigance® Early Preschool Screen-II may be purchased from:</p> <p>Curriculum Associates Inc. (800) 225-0248 www.curriculumassociates.com</p>
<p>Brigance® Inventory for Early Development-II (IED-II)</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish</p>	<p>Birth to 7 years</p>	<p>Development areas measured focus on: fine and gross motor; language; early academic and cognitive (quantitative/general and prereading/reading); daily living and social-emotional scales.</p>	<p>10-15 minutes</p> <p>Scoring Method</p> <p>Scoring software with technical report automatically creates reports with at-risk cutoffs, growth indicators, percentiles, quotients, and age equivalents.</p>	<p>The Brigance® Early Preschool Screen-II may be purchased from:</p> <p>Curriculum Associates Inc. (800) 225-0248 www.curriculumassociates.com</p>
<p>Child Development Review-Parent Questionnaire (CDR-PQ)</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish</p>	<p>18 months to 5 years</p>	<p>Development areas measured focus on: social; self-help; language; gross and fine motor skills. The provider may use this screen in two ways: as an observation guide and/or as a parent interview guide.</p>	<p>10–20 minutes</p> <p>Scoring Method</p> <p>Results are compared to age norms and classified as "typical" for age in all areas, or as "borderline" or "delayed" in one or more areas of development.</p>	<p>The CDR-PQ may be purchased from:</p> <p>Behavior Science Systems Inc. (612) 850-8700 www.childdevrev.com</p>
<p>Infant Development Inventory</p> <p>Available in English and Spanish</p>	<p>Birth to 18 months</p>	<p>A brief parent questionnaire used to track developmental skills with a focus on: social; self-help; language; gross and fine motor skills.</p>	<p>5–10 minutes</p> <p>Scoring Method</p> <p>Risk categorization; delayed or not delayed.</p>	<p>The Infant Development Inventory may be purchased from:</p> <p>Behavior Science Systems Inc. (612) 850-8700 www.childdevrev.com</p>

Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) Available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese	Birth to 8 years	Parents complete 10 questions designed for surveillance and/or screening of developmental and behavioral problems.	2–10 minutes	The PEDS may be purchased from: Ellsworth & Vandermeer Press LLC (888) 729-1697 www.pedstest.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization; provides algorithm to guide need for referral, additional screening, or continued surveillance.	
Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status, Developmental Milestones (PEDS-DM®) Available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese	Birth to 7 years 11 months	The PEDS-DM® can be used with the PEDS, or by itself. PEDS-DM® consists of 6-8 items per age/encounter and is designed to replace informal milestones checklists. Developmental areas measured focus on: expressive and receptive communications; fine and gross motor skills; self-help; social-emotional; and for older children, reading and math.	10-20 minutes	The PEDS-DM® may be purchased from: Ellsworth & Vandermeer Press LLC (888) 729-1697 www.pedstest.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization; age-equivalent scores and percentage of delay.	
Capute Scales (also known as Cognitive Adaptive Test/Clinical Linguistic Auditory Milestone Scale [CAT/CLAMS]) Available in English, Spanish and Russian	3 months to 3 years	The Capute Scales is designed to help clinicians distinguish between global developmental delays and specific areas of concern. The Cognitive Adaptive Test (CAT) consists of 58 items focused on visual-motor functioning and the Clinical Linguistic and Auditory Milestone Scale (CLAMS) consists of 42 items focused on expressive and receptive language development.	6–20 minutes	The Capute Scales may be purchased from: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company (800) 638-3775 www.brookespublishing.com
			Scoring Method Quantitative (developmental age levels and quotient)	
Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales-Developmental Profile™ (CSBS-DP™): Infant Toddler Checklist Available in English	6 months to 24 months	The CSBS-DP™ is designed to address language and cognitive skills. Development areas measured focus on: emotion and eye gaze; communication; gestures; sounds; words; understanding; and object use. Each area is measured by three main components: Infant Toddler Checklist; Caregiver Questionnaire; and the Behavior Sample.	5–15 minutes	The CSBS-DP™ Infant Toddler Checklist is copyrighted but remains free for use. Information may be found online at: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company (800) 638-3775 www.brookespublishing.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization. Using cut-off scores, providers can determine if the child falls within a range of “concern” or “no concern”.	
Early Language Milestone Scale (ELM Scale-2) Available in English	Birth to 3 years	The ELM Scale-2 consists of 43 items designed to address speech and language development. Development areas focus on: Auditory expressive; auditory receptive; and visual.	1–10 minutes	The ELM Scale-2 may be purchased from: Pro-Ed Inc. (800) 897-3202 www.proedinc.com
			Scoring Method Pass/fail method or point scoring method. (Yielding a global “pass” or “fail” rating or point scoring yields percentile values, standard score equivalents, and age equivalents.	

Autism Spectrum Disorders

Validated Screening Tool	Age Range	Description	Administration Time	Where to purchase this tool and/or find additional information:
Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (CHAT) Available in English	18 months to 24 months	The CHAT consists of two sections designed to identify children at risk of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The two sections (9 parent-completed questions and 5 items of observation by a health care provider) focus on the developmental behaviors concerning joint attention and pretend play.	5 minutes	The CHAT remains free for use. Information and the screening tool may be found at: The National Autistic Society +44 (0) 20-7833-2299 www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=10 Or by contacting: Sally Wheelwright Autism Research Centre Cambridge University Douglas House 18b Trumpington Road Cambridge CB2 2AH, UK Tel: 01223 746057 Fax: 01223 746033
			Scoring Method Risk categorization (pass/fail)	
Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT) Available in English and Spanish	16 months to 4 years	The M-CHAT is an expanded American version of the original CHAT from the UK. The M-CHAT tests for Autism Spectrum Disorders against normally developing children and consists of 23 yes/no questions.	5–10 minutes	The M-CHAT is available for free download for clinical, research, and educational purposes. There are two authorized websites: the M-CHAT and supplemental materials can be downloaded from: www.firstsigns.org or from Dr. Robins' website, at http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwps/y/faculty/robins.htm
			Scoring Method Yes/no answers convert to pass/fail responses.	
Pervasive Developmental Disorders Screening Test-II (PDDST-II) Available in English and Spanish	12 months to 4 years	The PDDST-II is a parent-completed questionnaire designed to screen for several autistic spectrum disorders, including autistic disorder, pervasive developmental delay, and Asperger's disorder.	10-20 minutes	The PDDST-II may be purchased from: Pearson (800) 211-8378 http://pearsonassess.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization (pass/fail)	
Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ) (formerly Autism Screening Questionnaire-ASQ) Available in English and Spanish	Anyone over 4 years of age, as long as his or her mental age exceeds 2.0 years	The SCQ is a parent-completed questionnaire consisting of 40 yes/no questions; designed to identify children at risk of autistic spectrum disorders. The SCQ is available in two forms: the <i>Lifetime Form</i> focuses on the child's entire developmental history; the <i>Current Form</i> looks at the child's behavior over the most recent 3-month period.	5–10 minutes	The SCQ may be purchased from: Western Psychological Corp. (800) 648-8857 www.wpspublish.com
			Scoring Method Risk categorization (pass/fail). Total score with cutoff points.	

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