# American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Recommends Early Screening and Identification

Given the prevalence of developmental delays and disabilities, all pediatric primary care clinicians should be prepared to screen, identify, and care for children and youth with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. Early identification and intervention for developmental disorders are critical to the well-being of children and are the responsibility of pediatric professionals as an integral function of the medical home.

Here are two articles that explains this recommendation.

**From the American Academy of Pediatrics**

- Developmental Surveillance and Screening Patient Care Overview video: https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/developmental-surveillance-and-screening-patient-care/
- Promoting Optimal Development: Identifying Infants and Young Children With Developmental Disorders Through Developmental Surveillance and Screening, reference paper: https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/145/1/e20193449/36971/Promoting-Optimal-Development-Identifying-Infants?autologincheck=redirected

**From Genetics in Medicine**

- Exome and genome sequencing for pediatric patients with congenital anomalies or intellectual disability: an evidence-based clinical guideline of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) reference paper: https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/145/1/e20193449/36971/Promoting-Optimal-Development-Identifying-Infants?autologincheck=redirected