**Tiers to Developmental Diagnosis   
and Referral for Services**

| **LEVEL** | **DESCRIPTION** | **WHO PROVIDES THE SERVICE** | **EXAMPLES** |
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| **Child Development**  **Awareness** | Promote parent, provider, and community awareness of typical child development and signs that may suggest a developmental concern to assure the well-being of children and their families and the early identification of developmental disabilities. | Parents  Caregivers  Public Health  Thrive by Five  Community Parenting Classes  Media | WA State:   * Child Profile Health Information Mailings and Child Development Inserts (Watch Me Grow) * Learn the Signs. Act Early   <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/>   * AAP Checklists - Bright Futures <http://brightfutures.aap.org/>   National:   * Zero to Three website: [www.zerotothree.org/child-development/](http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/) * AAP Healthy Children Website ‘Ages and Stages’ [www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/Pages/default.aspx) |
| **General Developmental Screening** | Routine surveillance and repeated screening of developmental performance within well-child visits following AAP guidelines and some community settings to identify children at risk for developmental delays. | Primary Care offices  WithinReach- Child Development Services  Child Care providers  Other Early Childhood Programs  Foster Care | AAP recommends developmental surveillance at well-child visits: 9, 18, 24, 30 months   * AAP Recommended Parent Completed Developmental Screening Tools   + Parent Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)   + Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3)   + Child Development Inventories (CDI) * WithinReach Help Me Grow Washington offers screening to parents:   + Family Health Hotline   + ParentHelp123 website   + <http://www.withinreachwa.org/what-we-do/healthy-families/child-development/> |
| **Focused Developmental Screening** | Targeted developmental screening using validated tools to identify children needing further evaluation for specific developmental concerns. | Some primary care pediatricians may decide to do this (especially autism screening, perhaps others)  Pediatric specialists -  IDEA Child Find in Parts B and C – Initial screening :   * Part C - Early Support for Infants and Toddlers * Part B – School District Special Education | * Autism   + ASQ – SE   + MCHAT-R/F * Language – ELMS2, CSBS-DP1 Infant Toddler Checklist, MacArthur CDI2 * Motor – Infant Motor Screen (Also see AAP Policy Statement on Motor Delays) * Behavioral Health – e.g. Pediatric symptom checklist (PSC); ASQ-SE (See Mental Health Screening Tools for Primary Care) |
| **Comprehensive Developmental Assessment and Medical Diagnostic Testing** | General developmental assessment by providers with specific training and experience, using validated tools to provide differential diagnosis for developmental delay. Identify children who need referral for an assessment specific to autism or other neurodevelopmental concerns | Interdisciplinary experts in specific disciplines   * Occupational Therapy (OT) * Speech and Language Pathology (SLP) * Physical Therapy (PT) * Audiology * Child Psychology * Developmental Pediatrics | Standardized assessments of:   * Cognition * Communication/Language Skill * Motor Skills * Adaptive Skills * Social/Emotional Skills * Genetic testing * Other Medical evaluation as indicated |
| **Targeted Diagnostic Assessment for a specific condition/ disability**  **Example: Autism** | In-depth functional assessment for autism by clinicians with specific training and experience; use of validated tools to make an ASD diagnosis. | Neurologist, Psychiatrist, Licensed Psychologist, Developmental Pediatrician  WAC 388-823-0500 states who can diagnose for purposes of eligibility for services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). | * Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) * Autism Diagnosis Interview (ADl-R) * Childhood Autism Rating Scale (CARS) * DSM-5 Criteria |

1. CSBS-Communication and Symbolic Behavior Scales Developmental Profile
2. CDI-Communication Development Inventory