



Developmental Promotion Playbook

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About This Document

Key Driver Diagram

The Key Driver Diagram (KDD) displays a shared theory of how outcomes might improve based on information gathered from research, observation, and experience, and sets forth the collaborative's goal. The primary drivers represent key components of the system that need to be in place to achieve the goal.

Change Package

The Change Package identifies a set of changes (i.e., how to put primary drivers in place) and offers links to PDSA examples and resources to support these interventions. The Change Package lays out change ideas to help home visiting programs improve the key outcome and processes.

Measurement System

The Measurement System Guide lists the shared aims and a set of common measures that teams will report during the collaborative.

Key Driver Diagram

SMART Aim <i>The goal of the collaborative</i>	Primary Driver (PD) <i>Critical system elements that are necessary and sufficient to achieve the aim</i>
<p>80% of children with an identified developmental or behavioral concern will receive targeted developmental promotion and support in a timely manner, including an appropriate combination of home visitor-delivered developmental promotion, community services and/or Part C services.</p>	<p>PD1: Standardized and reliable process for developmental and behavioral surveillance and screening</p>
	<p>PD2: Competent and skilled workforce to address child development</p>
	<p>PD3: Effective, program-developed connections with community partners for linking families to services</p>
	<p>PD4: Comprehensive data-tracking system for developmental promotion, identification, and linkage</p>

Change Package

PD1: Standardized and reliable process for developmental and behavioral surveillance and screening

Change Ideas (for LIAs)	PDSA Examples	Resources
<p>Parents' views and concerns about their child's development elicited at each home visit</p>	<p>Dev.PD1.C1.Ex1. Using stickers to document any parents' concerns about their child's development</p> <p>Dev.PD1.C1.Ex2. Adding a label to a home visiting form to elicit data around parents' concerns with their child's development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental monitoring and screening descriptions for parents from the CDC's Learn the Signs. Act Early program • CDC, Concerned about Development? How to Help Your Child • CDC, Tips for Talking with Parents about Developmental Concerns • Bright Futures/AAP Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care
<p>Policy and protocol for screening periodicity and process (e.g., minimum every 6 months or more frequently as warranted & what it is, why it is important, and how it is done)</p>	<p>Dev.PD1.C2.Ex1. Increasing the number of children screened for developmental risk by rearranging visit schedules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookes Publishing Co., Introducing ASQ-3 to Parents [guidance on explaining developmental screening and the purpose of ASQ-3 to families]

<p>Policy and protocol for sharing results of screening with families</p>	<p>Dev.PD1.C3.Ex1. Increasing caregiver knowledge of child development by developing a standard method of communication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookes Publishing Co., ASQ:SE-2 Overview and Resources [information on social-emotional screening and implementation considerations] • Brookes Publishing Co., ASQ Parent Conference & Family Summary Forms [structured forms to guide sharing screening results and discussing next steps/referral process] • Head Start, Relationship-based Practices: Talking with Families about Developmental Concerns
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PD2. Competent and skilled workforce to address child development

Change Ideas (for LIAs)	PDSA Examples	Resources
<p>Ongoing training/education of home visitors in tool administration, scoring, and interpretation</p>	<p>Dev.PD2.C1.Ex1. Providing a refresher training on the ASQ-3 assessment tool</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC, Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns Online Modules • Reflective Supervision [videos and supports to assist with the development and application of reflective skills from the Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center] (<i>Note: Many evidence-based models provide training and other resources for home visitors and supervisors in the areas of reflective practice and reflective supervision.</i>) • Facilitated, Attuned Interaction (FAN) [The Erikson Institute's conceptual model and
	<p>Dev.PD2.C1.Ex2. Improving staff knowledge through professional development</p>	
	<p>Dev.PD2.C1.Ex3. Providing a training on the ASQ-3 screener and resource list</p>	

<p>Ongoing supervision on appropriate use of surveillance, screening, and sharing results</p>	<p>Dev.PD2.C2.Ex1. Using reflective supervision to improve home visitor preparation and confidence in discussing concerns about child development</p>	<p>practical tool for strengthening the provider-caregiver relationship to ensure that home visitors can read cues from caregivers and provide empathetic and appropriate responses]</p>
	<p>Dev.PD2.C2.Ex2. Using videotaped home visits during reflective supervision to support the home visitor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflective Supervision: A Planning Tool for Home Visiting Supervisors
<p>Developmental promotion activities shared with families</p>	<p>Dev.PD2.C3.Ex1. Improving parents' understanding of their child's developmental needs by providing immediate written feedback for the ASQ-3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC, Developmental Milestones • CDC, Milestones in Action • CDC, Milestone Tracker App • CDC, Milestone Checklists with Tips in All Available Languages
	<p>Dev.PD2.C3.Ex2. Using a structured mechanism following the completion of the ASQ-3 to support and engage families in their child's development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC, Growth Chart • Resources from Harvard University's Center for the Developing Child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serve and Return ○ Brain-Building Through Play: Activities for Infants, Toddlers, and Children
	<p>Dev.PD2.C3.Ex3. Improving ASQ-3 screening follow-up with families by adding a check box to the ASQ tickler report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach-Back learning modules and videos
	<p>Dev.PD2.C3.Ex4. Asking mothers to find one item concerning child development to engage families in discussions around child development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Teach-Back Method [video examples of the teach-back method in practice from the University of North Carolina] • Lantern (formerly Bright by Text) [free age-appropriate activities and games] • Vroom App and Vroom by Text Brain Building Moments [tips and tools to help boost early learning]

PD3. Effective, program-developed connections with community partners for linking families to services

Change Ideas (for LIAs)	PDSA Examples	Resources
Policy and protocol for home visitors' response to screening results (e.g., decision tree)	Dev.PD3.C1.Ex1. Increasing the percentage of children with positive screenings that receive service through the development of a process for reviewing results and making referrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECTA Center, Part C of IDEA: Overview of Early Intervention [overview of IDEA Part C requirements, referral pathways, and early intervention system structure] • CDC, Learn the Signs. Act Early. - Acting Early on Developmental Concerns [tools and referral guidance for professionals responding to developmental concerns]
Reliable and effective systems for referral and follow-up	Dev.PD3.C2.Ex1. Gathering referral sources from community resources	
	Dev.PD3.C2.Ex2. Increasing children in the database with PCPs through database review and parent outreach	
	Dev.PD3.C2.Ex3. Using a process map for early intervention referrals to increase the percentage of children who are referred within 7 days	
	Dev.PD3.C2.Ex4. Using a parent survey to better understand what services they find useful	

PD4. Comprehensive data-tracking system for developmental promotion, identification, and linkage

Change Ideas (for LIAs)	PDSA Examples	Resources
Tracking systems for surveillance, screening, periodicity and results, referral acceptance, and follow-up to services	Dev.PD4.C1.Ex1. Using a referral tickler spreadsheet to track referrals and plan referral follow-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Better Meetings and Deeper Listening: The Underrated Keys to Improvement [practical guidance for running meetings that move improvement work forward]
Team meetings (e.g., weekly) to review improvement data and the direction it suggests for strengthening program effectiveness	Dev.PD4.C2.Ex1. Scheduling regular team meetings to unify practices in reporting across sites	

The Measurement System

Overview of Measures

SMART AIM	Outcome Measure
80% of children with an identified developmental or behavioral concern will receive targeted developmental promotion and support in a timely manner, including an appropriate combination of home visitor-delivered developmental promotion, community services and/or Part C services.	% of children with an identified developmental or behavioral concern who receive targeted developmental promotion and support in a timely manner

Primary Drivers	Process Measures
PD1: Standardized and reliable process for developmental and behavioral surveillance and screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of home visits where parents were asked if they have concerns regarding child’s development, behavior or learning • % of children screened for developmental risk/delay within the last 6 months • % of children with positive screen for developmental risk/delay (optional)
PD2: Competent and skilled workforce to address child development	% of children with developmental or behavioral concerns who receive Home Visitor-provided targeted developmental promotion by next home visit
PD3: Effective, program-developed connections with community partners for linking families to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of children referred to community services who received services within 30 days • % of children with a developmental or behavioral concern appropriate for referral to Part C services that were referred within 7 days of that concern being identified • % of children referred to Part C services who receive Part C planning meeting for Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) within 45 days of referral • % of children referred to Part C early intervention services for whom the Home Visitor knows the status / outcome of the referral
PD4: Comprehensive data-tracking system for developmental promotion, identification, and linkage	% of team members using CQI Data in Practice

In-Depth Look at Measures

The following measures were selected to reflect the processes necessary to achieve the SMART aim. They are listed in the order in which these processes occur in many sites and are labeled with the Primary Driver they reflect.

Measure #1

% of home visits where parents were asked if they have concerns regarding child's development, behavior or learning

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of home visits this month where parents were asked if they have concerns regarding child's development, behavior or learning
- *Denominator:* # of home visits this month

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 1

Measure #2

% of children screened for developmental risk/delay within the last 6 months

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* Among children due for screen, N children screened within last 6 months
- *Denominator:* # of children who at the end of the month are at or beyond the age at which model recommends initiating screening and not already receiving Part C early intervention services

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 1

Measure #3

% of children with positive screen for developmental risk/delay (optional)

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children screened within last 6 months whose last screen was positive
- *Denominator:* # of children screened for developmental risk / delay within the last 6 months

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 1

Measure #4

% of children with developmental or behavioral concerns who receive Home Visitor-provided targeted developmental promotion by next home visit

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of those who received targeted developmental promotion by next home visit
- *Denominator:* # of children with parental concerns, Home Visitor concerns or positive screen who have had a subsequent home visit

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 2

Measure #5

% of children referred to community services who received services within 30 days

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children referred to community services who received services within 30 days
- *Denominator:* # of children referred to community services more than 30 days ago

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 3

Measure #6

% of children with a developmental or behavioral concern appropriate for referral to Part C services that were referred within 7 days of that concern being identified

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children with a developmental or behavioral concern appropriate for referral to Part C services that were referred within 7 days of the concern being identified
- *Denominator:* # of children with a developmental or behavioral concern appropriate for referral to Part C services

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 3

Measure #7

% of children referred to Part C services who receive Part C planning meeting for IFSP within 45 days of referral

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children referred to Part C services who receive IFSP planning meeting within 45 days of referral
- *Denominator:* # of children referred to Part C services more than 45 days

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 3

Measure #8

% of children referred to Part C early intervention services for whom the Home Visitor knows the status/outcome of the referral

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children referred for whom the Home Visitor knows the status / outcome of the referral
- *Denominator:* # of children referred to Part C early intervention services greater than 45 days ago

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 3

Measure #9

% of team members using CQI Data in Practice

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of Team Members (home visitors, supervisors, other members) with whom CQI Data was reflected upon and used to guide practice (for example, in individual supervision or team meetings)
- *Denominator:* # of Team Members (home visitors, supervisors, other members)

Associated Driver

Primary Driver 4

Measure #10

% of children with an identified developmental or behavioral concern who receive targeted developmental promotion and support in a timely manner.

Data Elements

- *Numerator:* # of children who got all of the appropriate services in expected timeframe
- *Denominator:* # of children with an identified developmental or behavioral concern referred to an appropriate combination of services

Associated Driver

SMART Aim

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