Child Outreach Screening is a FREE service offered to ALL children 3 to 5 years old by your local school district in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Education.

What are the goals of Child Outreach?

**INFORMATION**
Child Outreach provides information about your child’s development and resources that are available within your community.

**POSITIVE OUTCOMES**
Child Outreach can help identify children who may need further assessment, intervention and/or services at an early age to promote positive outcomes in kindergarten and beyond.

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Rhode Island’s Early Childhood Commitment

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For Rhode Island Children 3, 4 and 5 Years Old
Prior to Kindergarten

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https://exceed.ri.gov/earlydevelopment
Why should I participate?

Often, families have questions about their child's growth and development. Child Outreach can help you understand how your child is progressing and learn ways to continue to support his/her development.

When should my child participate in screening?

Much like your well child visit with the pediatrician, children should participate in screening annually at 3, 4 and 5 years old. Because children learn rapidly during these early years, each screening provides families with an up-to-date check on their child's development.

How do I arrange screening for my child?

Screening is offered in a variety of locations such as early care and education settings, Head Start programs, public schools, libraries, etc. All school districts provide ongoing screening throughout the school year.

Families can schedule a screening appointment at any time during the school year by going to: https://exceed.ri.gov/earlydevelopment and clicking on “How to Access Screening” and then “Listing of Child Outreach Coordinators” or by calling the RI Department of Education at (401) 222-4600 and requesting the contact information for the Child Outreach Program in your local community.

What happens after screening?

Screening results are reviewed and a summary sent to you within a few weeks. The summary will include the areas of development that indicate age-appropriate results as well as those that may require a rescreen or follow-up.

Child Outreach wants to ensure that ALL children are off to a good start before entering kindergarten.

What happens to screening results?

While sharing screening results with your child’s pediatrician and early care and education program is beneficial, no results will be shared without your permission. Confidentiality is always a priority.