

FAQs

Does my child need to be screened?

We strongly recommend **ALL** children ages birth to 3 go through the screening process.

Children ages 3 to 5 should be screened if a guardian, parent, or health care provider has a concern that the child might have a potential developmental delay or disability, or might be in need of special education services.

How much does it cost?

Our developmental screenings are a **FREE** community service to families in Ellis and Rush counties.

How long does the screening take?

Each screening takes approximately an hour to an hour and a half.

Do I need to make an appointment?

Yes. If possible, please make your appointment at least 24 hours in advance, as some paperwork is needed.

Please contact HACC at 785-625-3257 to make arrangements.

What if a concern is identified?

If a potential developmental concern is identified, our team of professionals will assist your family in taking the next step to help your child and to help you find additional and appropriate resources.

Benefits of Screening



Free developmental screenings are a great way to get a comprehensive overview of where your child stands regarding developmental milestones, and are an excellent way to identify children in need of additional services or resources.

Our team of professionals also can offer helpful resources and answer any questions about your child's development.

Screening results are valuable regardless of your child's outcomes. If no concern is identified, parents can rest assured their child is on the right track.

If a developmental delay does exist, it is beneficial to catch it early. Early detection allows your child to receive appropriate intervention services, which have been proven to improve a child's success in school.

Areas of Emphasis

Our **FREE** developmental screenings are offered monthly and are conducted by licensed and skilled professionals, such as early childhood teachers, speech-language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and registered nurses.

Our screening team takes great care to provide a quick analysis of many important childhood skills, including:

- **Speech development (articulation)**
 - **Language development**
 - **Motor development**
 - **Thinking skills**
 - **Self-help skills**
- **Personal/Social skills**
 - **Vision**
 - **Hearing**
- **Height/Weight/Nutrition**

A parent/guardian must be present with their child for the duration of the screening process.

Contact Information

For more information about free developmental screenings, or to make an appointment, contact Hays Area Children's Center, Inc.

Contact Information:

Hays Area Children's Center
94 Lewis Drive
Hays, KS 67601
(785) 625-3257

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**HAYS AREA
CHILDREN'S CENTER**

2017-2018 Schedule

June 14 - Birth to 3 only

July 20 - Birth to 3 only

August 25

September 15

October 13

November 10

December 8

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 6

May 4

* Location varies by screening.

For additional details, contact Hays Area Children's Center at (785) 625-3257, watch local media sources, or find Hays Area Children's Center on Facebook.

FREE Developmental Screenings



Ages Birth to Kindergarten



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