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Monthly Update: WIC Developmental Monitoring Project



<https://asphn.org/learn-the-signs-act-early/>

Upcoming Events

- **March 23rd, 11 am ET: State Updates & Networking**
- **April 27th, 11 am ET: Disparity Data**

Register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZUIce6vpjwoG9RyWi9A3BmuVF3FJj5jsvXy>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Monthly trainings take place on the 4th Wednesday at 11 am ET.*

Sharing Updates/Resources

Would your state like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter? Please send an update on what your state is working on regarding developmental monitoring by the 20th of the month to be featured in the following month's newsletter.

Send to
amberbrown@asphn.org
Thanks!

ASPHN and CDC Updates



CDC's Revised Milestones

As you all know, CDC recently released its revised milestones. Our February online training was provided by Katie Green (CDC) about the milestone updates. If you were unable to attend that training I would highly encourage you to watch the recording here.

<https://asphn.org/learn-the-signs-act-early-cdc-milestone-updates-training-feb-23-2022/>

CDC also shared that the full publication in the *Pediatrics* journal overviews the milestone revision process and can now be accessed by anyone whether you have an account or not. You can view the full article here:

<https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/article/doi/10.1542/peds.2021-052138/184748/Evidence-Informed-Milestones-for-Developmental>

Review the WIC Customized Checklist and Deskside Reference Guide and Submit Feedback!

As a follow-up from the call, CDC would like your review on a couple of items that they will be updating soon.

1. CDC has not updated the WIC customized checklists to reflect the updated milestones yet because they want feedback from all of you on what you would like included on the back of the checklists. For the time being, you can use the [regular checklists](#). The WIC customizable checklists with the OLD milestones are below. Please only review the back of the checklist; the front will be updated with the new milestones in the coming months.
2. Please review the [Deskside Reference Guide for WIC](#) and send any suggestions you have. They will also be updating this to reflect updated guidance, like removing guidance that refers to the purple (red flag) boxes.

Please send any feedback or questions to amberbrown@asphn.org as soon as possible.

[Review the OLD WIC Customized Checklist Here](#)

CDC Statements in Response to Media and Public Inquiries Related to Recent Developmental Milestone Checklist Revisions

CDC has put together some statements to help their partners respond to any media and public inquiries about the recently revised milestones. The cleared statements are below. Below are also some myth-busting news coverage:

- [Very nice story by Nina Shapiro, who is a pediatric ENT but also a health journalist](#)
- [National child development milestone changes not tied to pandemic | AP News](#)
- No, the CDC didn't "lower standards" for childhood development because of the pandemic <https://www.salon.com/2022/02/23/no-the-didnt-lower-standards-for-childhood-development-because-of-the/>
- Fact Check: Did CDC Lower Speech Standard for Children Because of Masking? <https://www.newsweek.com/fact-check-did-cdc-lower-speech-standard-children-because-masking-covid-jennifer-sey-1681774>
- CDC's updated child milestones list causing worry among Phoenix therapists https://www.azfamily.com/news/cdc-updated-child-milestones-list-causing-worry-among-phoenix-therapists/article_de4bec6c-9508-11ec-a7eb-cb57f1ec566e.html
- [Developmental milestones for children have changed for the first time in nearly 20 years - CNN](#)
- [There Are New Developmental Milestone Guidelines for Young Kids – SheKnows](#)

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Call for Volunteers!

WICShopper Content Review Team: ASPHN is partnering with JPMA once again to update the developmental milestone content available in the WICShopper App. If you would like to be a part of this review team please email Amber Brown (amberbrown@asphn.org).

You are receiving this monthly newsletter because you are a part of the ASPHN WIC Developmental Monitoring Project. This newsletter will feature updates from states within the project about what they are doing and successes and challenges they have had, information about upcoming trainings, and other news. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, you can reach out to Amber Brown at AmberBrown@asphn.org.

Thank you!

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