

Parents evaluation of developmental status: administering PEDS

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A context for developmental screening

- Early detection is important
- Part of a longitudinal process
- Component of surveillance; acts as a platform to provide advice and information
- *“If you listen to parents, they are more likely to listen to you”.*

What is Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS)?

- Ten questions to elicit parents' concerns
- Acknowledges parents as experts
- Initial screen
- Note: PEDS is *not diagnostic*

The question about preschool/school skills

Do you have any concerns about how your child is learning pre-school or school skills?

Supporting parents



PEDS outcomes

- 11% have a high risk of developmental delay and need further referral (Pathway A)
- 26% have a moderate risk of developmental delay - may need further screening, developmental promotion and vigilance (Pathways B & D)
- 20% have a low risk of developmental delay but need behavioural guidance, strategies, information, etc (Pathway C)
- 43% of parents have no concerns (Pathway E)

Relevant Websites

- www.rch.org.au/ccch/
- www.pedstest.com

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