Program Profile

Agency/Organization: The Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, Inc.

Program Name: Developmental Screening

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Program Description:
Early identification and intervention is crucial for children to enter Kindergarten prepared to learn from the very first day. The Early Childhood Council’s Developmental Screening Program, in partnership with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS), provides free screenings for identification of possible developmental delays or problems with behavior to approximately 1,800 children from ages 0-5 annually. Screening occurs in several key developmental domains including height & weight, speech & language, hearing, vision, cognitive, motor skills and social-emotional development. Children with concerns identified at a screening event are linked to appropriate support services and offered case coordination as well as “developmental coaching” by ECC Family Support Coordinators while waiting for longer term support services to take place with community resources.

Population Served:
Children birth – age 5 (not yet in Kindergarten) residing in Hillsborough County where the parent has concerns or questions about their child’s growth and development.

Service Area: Hillsborough County

Referral Process:
Complete an online pre-screening form and email / fax OR call 813-837-7723 to complete a pre-screening with one of our intake coordinators.

Eligibility Criteria:
Children birth – age 5 (not yet in Kindergarten) residing in Hillsborough County where the parent has concerns or questions about their child’s growth and development. Children eligible for screening by this program are not enrolled in Head Start / Early Head Start or School Readiness.

Service Fee Structure:
No charges or fees. No insurance billing or requirements.

Bilingual: YES
Other:
This program is supported through funding by the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County and Hillsborough County Public Schools. In addition, screening support is made possible through the in-kind staff contribution of various community agencies.