

Michigan Policy on Screening of Children Referred to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

As part of the child find system, screening may take place to determine whether a child is suspected of having a developmental delay of 20 percent or more in one developmental domain. Individual child screening is not a mandatory procedure prior to multidisciplinary team evaluation and assessment and may not be used to extend the 45-day timeline for Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) development.

If the screening indicates that the child is suspected of having a developmental delay that meets the states definition, an evaluation must be conducted.

If the service area believes, based on screening and other available information, that the child is not eligible for *Early On*[®], the service area must ensure that written prior notice is provided to the parent. If the parent still requests an evaluation, one must be performed.

An appropriate screening tool must be utilized.