

TO THE PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN PEORIA COUNTY

Your child is growing and changing in so many ways! The early years are generally considered the most important years for learning to occur. We would like to help you measure your child's development. By participating in the Peoria County Preschool Screening we can let you know how your child is developing. Free public educational services with specially designed learning experiences are provided for preschool age children if there is determined to be a special need. For younger children, early intervention programs are available through Child and Family Connections.

Your child's development is measured by his/her ability to:

TALK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How your child speaks is an important indicator of development. A screening team member will check your child for speech patterns, unclear speech, and how he/she expresses himself/herself.
LEARN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child's memory, ability to pay attention, and the need for frequent repetition and/or continual direction will be evaluated.
BEHAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child's development also depends on how he/she gets along with other children, parents, and adults. By observing your child in screening activities we can assess his/her development in this area.
SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision is important for learning. We will check to be sure your preschool child is seeing everything in his/her environment.
HEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A trained screening team member will check your preschool child's hearing. Good hearing is important for your child to be able to imitate sound and follow directions.
MOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking, running, picking up and placing objects, and feeding yourself is measured by your child's ability to move the muscles in his/her body. Screening activities are included to help us evaluate how your child is developing in this area.

If a child has difficulty with the screening, a complete case study evaluation will be completed to help us make a recommendation concerning your child's needs.

Dates for preschool screening in your area are included in this folder. There is no charge for the screening, which is only available to residents of the districts listed. The screening will take about an hour.

To make an appointment for your 3 to 5-year old child, contact the Special Education Association of Peoria County office – phone (309) 697-0880 (VOICE and TDD).

For children younger than age 3, please call the above number or (309) 672-6360 or 888-482-4300