

# Early Childhood Screening:

Early childhood screening helps:

1. Identify how your child is growing and developing.
2. Promote healthy development.
3. Connect you with early childhood programs and services.
4. Answer your parenting questions.

Three reasons to screen at age 3:

1. Screening can assist your child to be ready for school.
2. Any health or developmental concerns can be found earlier and help provided sooner.
3. Because screening is free, it's easy and it's good for your child!

(Screening is preferred at age 3, but can be done at 4 or 5 years old.)

When your child turns 3 years old:

1. Your school may contact you to set up an appointment. If not, please call your local school district.
2. Complete the forms that will be sent to you.
3. Bring your child to screening appointment, where trained staff will check your child's:
  - Vision and hearing
  - Growth and development
  - Immunizations and family history
4. Bring your child's immunization records to the screening.

Please use the following guide to request an appointment for your child based on the school district where he/she will attend:

Fergus Falls: 1-218-998-0544  
ext. 9500  
New York Mills: 1-218-385-2553  
ext. 203  
Perham-Dent: 1-218-346-6500  
Underwood: 1-218-826-6101  
ext. 108

\* You may also contact your local Head Start Center if your child will be enrolling in Head Start.

## Contact Information:

General Questions: Contact Shonna Gnahn, Early Childhood Coordinator @ 218-737-6560  
Or your local school district to schedule an appointment.



Fees: Free

\*State law requires all children to be screened before entering kindergarten.