

KANSAS BIRTH TO FIVE STATE AND LOCAL ALIGNMENT: SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

SCREENING, REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP

Understanding that early identification of children who have disabilities is a shared value, the expectation is that all Collaborative Partners aka "Partners" use their current policies and procedures to facilitate the early identification of children that may have disabilities through screening activities using valid and reliable tools and a shared understanding of criteria that merits referral.

General Considerations	No/None	Some	Most	Yes/All	Comments	Priority
Partners that provide screening services are included in coordination of screening, referral and follow-up discussions.						
Partners have a shared vision and commitment to early identification, referral and follow-up.						
Partners have a shared definition and understanding when discussing "screening", "referral" and "follow up".						
Partners discuss and have a basic understanding of the purpose of screening, referral and follow up within each partner program, including requirements such as laws and relevant policies and procedures.						
Partners discuss the population they serve and determine if there are any gaps in service.						
Partners discuss and plan coordination of screening opportunities, including joint efforts, to provide regular access to screening for all children birth to five in the service delivery area.						
Partners discuss and plan coordination of referrals to appropriate agencies that provide further evaluation services, including timeliness and who within an agency should receive the referral.						
Partners discuss confidentiality requirements and have developed a common parental release of information form when feasible.						
Partners discuss family inclusion regarding screening results, referral and follow up procedures and implement joint discussions with families, when appropriate, that are designed to alleviate family fears.						
Partners discuss appropriate sharing of child/family information including results of evaluation and coordinated follow up activities to assure appropriate family friendly services.						
Partners implement activities to maximize resources such as staff, time, funding, training and joint documents regularly.						
Partners regularly review agreements for efficiency and effectiveness, updating as needed.						

NEXT STEPS:

