Too few children under 5 years old are screened for developmental-behavioral delays in California.

1 in 4 young children are at risk for delays.

American Academy of Pediatrics Recommends:
- Developmental surveillance at every well-child visit.
- Screening with a validated screening tool at 9, 18, and 24-30 months.
- Screening with a validated autism-specific screening tool at 18 and 24 months.

Barriers to Early Identification:
- Varied levels of provider knowledge about delays and screening.
- Competing priorities and limited support to embed screening practices.
- Families have diverse perceptions and understanding about early identification.
- Lack of financial incentives to conduct screening.

Fewer than 1 in 3 children receive timely developmental-behavioral screenings.

70% of parents are not asked by a health care provider if they have concerns about their child’s development.

Only 1/3 of providers use a validated screening tool and very few report adhering to AAP guidelines.