

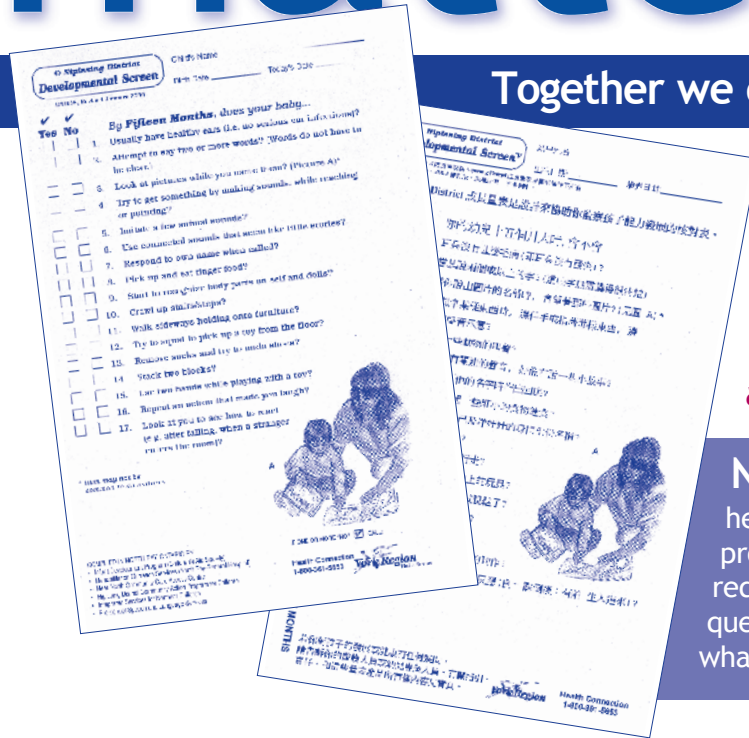
# because the early years matter!



Together we can help children reach their potential!

The first six years of a child's life has the greatest impact on their future learning, health and behaviour. The Early Years set the stage for self-confidence, well being and readiness to learn at school.

Nipissing District Development Screens™ help determine whether a child's development is progressing as it should. The screens are checklists that require "Yes" or "No" answers to development questions. This helps parents/caregivers to know what to expect from a child at a specific age.



## Checklists are for the following ages:

1-2 months   4 months   6 months   9 months   12 months   15 months   18 months  
24 months   30 months   3 years   4 years   5 years   6 years

Each checklist explores a child's development in the areas of: vision, hearing, speech, language and communication, physical movement, understanding, emotional awareness, interacting with others and independence. Checklists are available in English, French, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Online Interactive Screens are now also available by visiting [www.ndds.ca](http://www.ndds.ca), free of charge.

## Checklists:

- ✓ Are easy to use
- ✓ Provide age appropriate activities
- ✓ Encourage healthy growth and development
- ✓ Encourage ways to comfort, play and teach children

**Talk to a health care professional or childcare provider if you have any questions about a child's development or well-being.**

To receive your free checklist(s) call  
**Health Connection 1-800-361-5653 TTY 1-866-252-9933**  
 A Public Health Nurse will answer your questions, review the checklist, and link families with community resources.

