

## Growth & Development

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### **Early Identification Resources**

#### **Grade JK-1 (up to age 6)**

- **Nipissing District Developmental Screens™ (NDDS™)** are developmental screening tools available to parents, caregivers, and early years professionals working with children up to the age of six. The screens are a checklist that requires “Yes” or “No” answers to a series of developmental questions. This helps parents and early years professionals to know what to expect from a child at a specific age. 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 to screen children at 1-2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, and 6 years. They are available in English, French, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The NDDS™ is not a substitute for professional advice. NDDS can be ordered at no charge by calling York Region *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653 TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit [www.ndds.ca](http://www.ndds.ca)
- **York Region Red Flags Guide: A Quick Reference Guide for Early Years Professionals**  
The purpose of this guide is to promote early identification for children, up to the age of six, who are in need of additional resources to meet their developmental milestones. It also includes factors that affect the dynamics of parent-child interaction and impact child health, growth and development, such as postpartum mood disorder and abuse. The Red Flags guide allows early years professionals, including teachers, to review and better understand on a continuum the domains that are traditionally outside their own area of expertise. Use of this document will help teachers to identify the need for further investigation by the appropriate discipline. Downloaded for free or order a hard copy from [www.york.ca/redflags](http://www.york.ca/redflags). Please note there is a charge for ordering over five copies.

If you have any questions please contact Aldona Ollen RN PHN at (905) 830-4444 ext 3076 from the Early Identification Program.

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