

# Coventry Town-wide Preschool Screen

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. *What is an Early Childhood Screen?*

An early childhood screen occurs early in a child's preschool experience. It serves as the first step in a prevention and intervention process that is intended to help children achieve their potential.

### 2. *Why should I bring my child to a preschool screen?*

Just like you bring your child each year to a pediatrician who screens their physical well-being, the preschool screen is an opportunity for your child to be screened for thinking skills, motor skills, speech and hearing. Knowing the health and development of your child is the first step to successful learning.

### 3. *Is there a cost for the screen?*

No, the screen is free to all Coventry residents.

### 4. *What is involved in the screening process?*

After providing some background information to our greeter at the front table, your child will be given a name tag which will be used to facilitate the screening process. Your child will be seen by team members at four stations:

- **Developmental Screen** – your child will be asked to perform activities in the areas of fine motor/eye-hand coordination, cognitive (reasoning, problem solving), and large motor skills. The tasks which are presented to your child are age appropriate and should be easily performed by your child.
- **Hearing Screen** – your child's hearing will be screened using a tympanometer. This procedure will indicate if fluid is present which may interfere with your child's hearing ability.
- **Vision Screen** – your child's vision will be screened using a game-like format to find indications of possible vision problems.
- **Speech and Language Screen** – your child's ability to articulate single words and to communicate using phrases and sentences at age level will be screened.

5. *Who will be performing the screen?*

The developmental, hearing and vision, speech and language screens are performed by staff members from the Coventry Early Intervention Services team of the Coventry Public School System. These are trained early childhood professionals.

6. *When will I get the results and what are they used for?*

The results of the preschool screen are given to parents at the end of the process. There is always an opportunity to talk to each of our staff members to go over any areas of concern. The staff also has access to information sheets, pamphlets, or agencies that will be able to help parents in any area of need. If the parents and team feel more information is needed, a follow-up appointment is made.

Parents are also given the opportunity to send the results of the screen to their perspective preschool so that the information is available as part of the child's profile.