

## What is the Family Development Center?

The Family Development Center is a comprehensive Early Intervention Program that offers assistance to families of infants, toddlers and young children who are experiencing or are at risk for delays in development or have identified special needs. Any child under five years of age, with identified needs, who resides in Champaign or Ford County is welcome to receive our services.

### *What Services are Available?*

#### Assessment Services

- Developmental Screening
- Developmental Evaluation
- Referral and Coordination

#### Comprehensive Therapy Services

- Developmental, Speech and Physical Therapy
- P.L.A.Y. Project
- Child Care Consultation

#### Family Support Services

- Parent Support Groups
- Parent-Child Play Groups
- Sibling Support Groups

#### Resources

- Family Resource Center
- Toy Lending Library
- Sensory Materials Lending Library

## How Can I Help DSC continue its work?

We welcome your volunteer assistance and contributions. Our staff is available to provide tours or speaking engagements to individuals or groups. Gifts to our agency are far more than tax-deductible donations; they are investments in the future of individuals, families and our communities.



Developmental Services Center

### How can I learn more? For referral or more information:

Developmental Services Center  
1304 West Bradley Ave  
Champaign, IL 61821-2035

Phone: (217) 356-0287  
Fax: (217) 356-9851  
[www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org)



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### *Our Mission...*

*To enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing services and supports which enable them to live, work, learn and participate in their communities.*

*Encouraging Independence...*

*Enriching Lives.*

## The P.L.A.Y. Project (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters)

This project recognizes the importance of parents as their child's best PLAY partner. The Home Consultant Program provides training and support to families of young children (18 months through kindergarten) with autism. Consultants teach parents techniques that are fun, effective and useful in every day interactions with their child.

Home Consultants focus on helping children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) build emotional connections and engage in meaningful relationships with their family and others.



The DSC Consultants have extensive training in the PLAY Project Model. This program will also put you in contact with other therapies and services that may be helpful.

For more information on the Home Consultant Program, visit our website at [dsc-illinois.org](http://dsc-illinois.org) or call (217)356-0287.

## Developmental Screenings

Free developmental screenings are available for children age *birth to three* through DSC's Family Development Center.

### Do You Have a Concern about Your Child?

Screenings provide a quick and simple way to monitor and measure a child's healthy development.

### What is the Purpose of a Screening?

A screening is used to address developmental questions parents may have and to determine if further assessment or evaluation is recommended.

### What Takes Place During a Screening?

Your child will be observed for development in four important areas: Personal/Social, Fine Motor Skills, Gross Motor Skills, and Language Skills.

### Where Does Screening Take Place?

Screenings are usually done in the child's home, but can also take place at a Daycare Center or DSC. A parent or guardian will be present and participate in the screening.

## Therapy Materials Lending

### Therapy Materials

The Family Resource Center's Therapy Lending Library includes a sensory and motor lending library for parents and professionals in order to best support children's sensory and motor needs within their daily routines. Therapy materials available to borrow include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ 2, 3, 5 & 6 lb. weighted blankets
- ◆ Velvasoft Deep Pressure Vests
- ◆ Sound Machines
- ◆ Physio rolls and balls



### Toy Lending

In addition to therapy materials, DSC also has an extensive collection of developmentally appropriate toys, DVD's, games and learning materials available for checkout.