

Dear Parents,

An emerging criterion from our NAEYC accreditation is that each child should be screened yearly with parental permission. The primary purpose of this screening tool is to assist parents and teachers in the timely identification of children for developmental delays during the crucial first five years of life.

**What is the Screening procedure?**

Both Parents and staff complete a questionnaire regarding the child. Only with written parental permission will a screening take place. The parent questionnaire should be completed at home. All questions must be answered so that scoring is accurate. Each questionnaire asks a child's progress in key developmental areas: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving, personal-social skills and emotional skills. Teachers meet privately with each family and score their results. Information gathered will help with parent-teacher communication or alert us to possible early intervention support. As usual, we always defer to a family's pediatrician regarding any concerns we might have and all information learned through the screenings is completely confidential.

**What is the difference between a screening tool and an assessment tool?**

At CCC we have assessed each child's progress over a period of time. The resulting information gathered is included in each child's Parent Conference Form completed twice yearly for toddler age and preschool age and every three months for infants. A screening tool is completed yearly measuring an exact point in time of a child's development.

Attached please find the parental permission form to allow us to screen your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher.

Thank you,  
CCC

## Permission Slip for Participation in Child Screening

Dear Parents,

*Ages & Stages is a screening tool we provide to parents who may have concerns about their child's development. Please fill out the permission slip below if you have concerns about your child's development or abilities.*

I (We) would like to participate in the Ages and Stages screening tool for my (our) child \_\_\_\_\_ . I (We) understand that

- I (We) will be completing the same questionnaires regarding my (our) child as the staff.
- All questions need to be answered and the results of the screening questionnaire are confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the teaching team.
- the results of the screening are for informational gathering purposes only and any possible concerns indicated by the results of the screening should be discussed with my (our) pediatrician.
- Additional services may be available through Early Intervention up to my (our) child turning three years of age. CCC has other resources available for children who are over three years of age.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_