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Head Start/Early Head Start	A program must complete or obtain a current vision, hearing, and developmental screening within 45 calendar days of when the child first attends the program or within 30 calendar days for programs that operate for 90 days or less.	Programs must make a referral to the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA. Referral is based on results of screening as well as additional relevant information and with direct guidance from a mental health or child development professional. Referral must be made with parental consent.	If a child is determined to be eligible for services under IDEA, the program must partner with parents and the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA, as appropriate, and deliver the services required to ensure full participation in all program activities.	Regulatory mandate that a minimum of 10% of enrollment must be children with disabilities.
Child Care	CCDF requires that Lead Agencies provide consumer education about developmental screenings to parents, the general public, and when applicable, child care providers. Strongly recommends that Lead Agencies develop strategies to ensure all children receive a research-based developmental and behavioral screening within 45 days of enrollment which aligns with Head Start standards.	There is variation across states. Not one person whose role is to coordinate referrals in most child care programs.	Teachers can participate in IFSP and IEP if requested by parents.	Children with disabilities have the right to attend community-based child care through American with Disabilities Act of 1990. A Lead Agency could choose to include in their eligibility determination process a question about whether or not the child has an IEP or IFSP, so that the parent could be provided with information on which child care provider would best meet the child's individual needs.

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Early Intervention (IDEA Part C)	States must have child find activities in place to identify, locate, and evaluate infant and toddlers with disabilities.	Referrals are coordinated through local early intervention service providers.	Local early intervention service providers must conduct a comprehensive evaluation within 45 days of receiving parental consent.	If an infant or toddler is eligible for services, the IFSP Team develops an IFSP.
Preschool Special Education (IDEA Part B, Section 619)	States must have child find activities in place to identify, locate, and evaluate preschool children with disabilities.	Local educational agencies coordinate referrals.	Local educational agencies must conduct an evaluation within 60 days (or within State established timelines) of receiving parental consent.	If a child is eligible for services, the IEP Team develops and an IEP.
Parents	Parents can request a developmental screening at any time if they are concerned about their child's development.	Parents can contact local IDEA programs at any time to request an evaluation if they are concerned with their child's development.	Parents participate in the assessment and evaluation process. Parents have due process rights under IDEA.	Parents are members of the team that develops their child's IFSP or IEP.