



Learn The Signs, Act Early

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Developmental Delays

- In the first few years of life, **700-1,000 new neural connections** form every second.
- **1 in 6 children** aged 3-17 years have developmental disabilities.
- Children with developmental problems are at **increased risk for poor outcomes** in many areas important to health, well-being, and success in life.
- **Less than half** of disabilities are identified before starting school.

Early Childhood in Texas

- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services are provided for children 0-3y IF they qualify.
 - Most children with developmental delays are not identified early enough for them to benefit from early intervention services.
- Even when families are referred, many children do not end up getting needed support. In Travis County FY17:
 - 2,686 children referred to ECI
 - 1,528 went through eligibility process
 - 936 qualified

The Learn the Signs, Act Early Program

- The Learn the Signs, Act Early (LTSAE) program provides education and resources to help childcare providers and parents to **monitor development**.
- LTSAE tools offer information on:
 - What developmental milestones are
 - What milestones to look for at different ages
 - Guidance on when and how to recommend to parents that their child get developmentally screened by a pediatrician or ECI provider

LTSAE Resources

- Milestone Moments booklets
- Information pamphlets & flyers
- Milestone Moment CDC Tracker App
- **Watch Me! Training video** – 1 hour (free) for early care providers on how to monitor child development
 - Can receive CEU credit
 - Highly recommended!

Note: All resources are in English and Spanish



Milestone Moments

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

You can follow your child's development by watching how he or she plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves.

Look inside for milestones to watch for in your child and how you can help your child learn and grow.

Track Your Child's Developmental Milestones

Your child's early development is a journey. Use this map of milestones to know what to look for along the way.

For parents of children from birth to 4 years

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Download CDC's FREE Milestone Tracker App

Track Milestones

Share a Summary

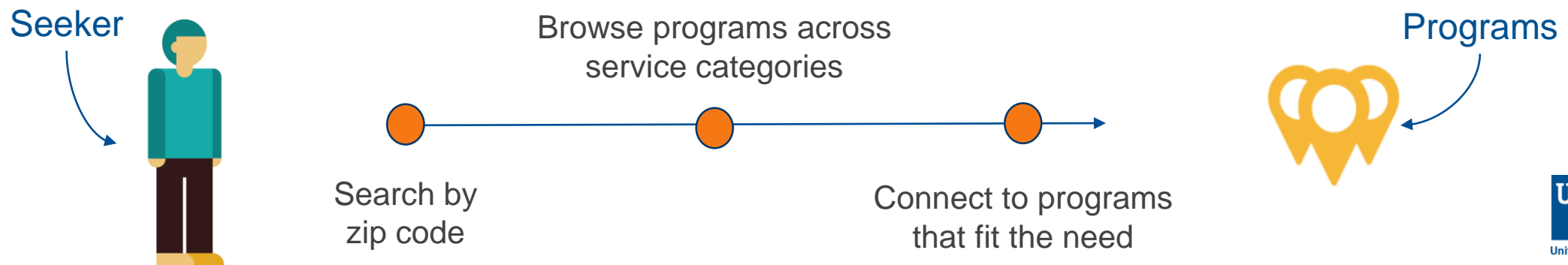
Get Tips & Activities

Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker

ConnectATX



- ConnectATX is a community tool that **connects people with programs and services** that are free or reduced cost.
- It is a **comprehensive database** with **phone and chat lines** with **bilingual staff**.
- It includes a **social determinants of health assessment** to go deeper with clients and ensure they get help they need.



Next Steps

- Want printed resources? Email me!

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Please include number of staff who will be using these resources with children and families.

- Have staff watch 1-hour Watch Me! Training video to understand basics of how to use materials and how to communicate on a sensitive topic with parents.
- Use ConnectATX as a resource to connect on basic needs.

Questions?

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Thank you!