# **SUMMARY**

All children grow and develop at different rates. While a lag in one or two skills may not be significant, a delay in several skills could be. The sooner an effort is made to determine whether a delay exists, the sooner action can be taken.

You are fortunate to be part of a Cooperative that values and supports the education of young children. Take advantage of this opportunity. You have nothing to lose but much to gain.

# L.E.A.S.E. PRESCHOOL 1009 BOYCE MEMORIAL DRIVE OTTAWA, IL 61350 815-433-6433

Screenings will be held in your area and registrations will be taken during the week of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Call \_\_\_815-433-6433\_\_\_ to schedule a screening appointment.

# WHAT IS PRESCHOOL SCREENING?



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### WHAT IS SCREENING?

Screening is a process for checking a child in key areas of development such as:

Speech/Language Vision/Hearing General Readiness

The screening is enjoyable for the children and uses a "game like" setting (e.g. blocks, pictures, toys, etc.). It is a pleasant experience for children because it is not a highly structured formal test.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any 3, 4, or 5 year old child who resides in one of the 27 school districts in the L.E.A.S.E. Cooperative.

# WHY SCREEN?

Screening is a developmental check, similar to the physical check-up your child has at the doctor. The purpose is to assure that your child is developing as expected for his/her age level. If the screening indicates an area of concern, further evaluation is recommended.

# HOW LONG DOES THE SCREENING TAKE?

The entire screening process takes approximately 20 minutes.

# IS SCREENING ONLY FOR CHILDREN WITH PROBLEMS?

Screening is a service for all 3, 4, and 5 year old children. It lets you know whether or not your child's development is appropriate for his/her age.

### WILL THE SCREENING TELL ME IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

No. This screening tells you if your child is developing appropriately for his/her age.

# WHO WILL SCREEN MY CHILD?

Our screening team is made up of professionals who have experience working with young children. We want this to be a positive learning experience for you and your child.

# HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

There is no charge for preschool screening or if further evaluations are needed.

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SCREENING?

A screening team member will share results and observations with you. You will have an opportunity to discuss the observations and any concerns you may have.

# WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS FURTHER TESTING?

Further testing may be necessary if your child has a suspected delay. Results of this testing will then be discussed with you and special programs or further evaluations may be recommended.

# IF I HAVE MY CHILD SCREENED AT AGE THREE, SHOULD IT BE DONE AGAIN WHEN THE CHILD IS FOUR?

We encourage you to do so. This is a way for you to know that your child is continuing to develop as expected.