

EXPANDING COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN



System Transformation and Community Investment programs focus on integrating community-based care into the healthcare delivery system, supporting community-based organizations in programming designed to positively impact health outcomes, health equity, and the cost of healthcare.

FLPPS is partnering with the Children's Institute "Get Ready to GROW" initiative to expand developmental screenings in Western New York and provide screenings to 4,500 children (12-60 months old) over the next two years.

The screenings include vision, dental, speech & language, thinking & reasoning, movement, hearing, social & emotional, and height & weight, as well as new screenings for protective factors, adverse childhood experiences, and social determinants of health.

Children's Institute partners with a variety of community organizations that collaboratively work on issues impacting young children in our region. The screenings will be conducted by staff from an expanding group of partners that include Rochester Hearing and Speech, Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Developmental Services, and ProAction. The team is actively identifying and developing partnerships for screening and sustainability to expand access to the screenings in the region.

Screenings will occur in rural, suburban, and urban settings and include community-based settings such as early childhood

centers, healthcare providers, tele-screening, and includes a mobile screening vehicle (the "GROW" bus). The bus provides flexibility and removes social determinants of health barriers such as transportation or childcare to ensure easy access to screenings in Monroe and rural areas. In addition to more access in Monroe County, the program will expand into other counties to include Wayne, Livingston, Steuben, Yates, and Chemung counties.

"We are honored to work with families and partners in taking this important step so that comprehensive screening can become more routinely available during this special period of life when a child's growth is so rapid. We are grateful to FLPPS for enabling this transformation so parents have more complete views of their child's health and developmental strengths and needs—when the foundations of lifelong health are being shaped."

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This collaboration has enabled a wide variety of early care and education, behavioral health, and healthcare services to align their services to better serve children and families. For example, the Get Ready to GROW initiative will continue to build connections with primary care practices to assure screening results are exchanged and navigate children to primary care doctors and specialists to enable follow-up care.

