Accessing Special Education Preschool Services:
A Pathway for Primary Care and Health Professionals
(Numbers refer to the explanatory boxes at sides and at the bottom of the page)

Any child >3 years old with developmental delays OR a developmental disorder

Was the child enrolled in early intervention?

Was the child enrolled in early intervention?

Confirm child has IEP with the local school district OR was assessed and found ineligible

Does the child have a condition with an established developmental disorder?

Refer to local school district AND/OR refer to Regional Center

Does the child meet criteria for special education services?

Refer to local school district AND/OR refer to Regional Center

Perform Developmental Surveillance and/or Screening

Interdisciplinary development evaluation:
- Medical diagnosis
- Multiple domains of function
- Family and social circumstances

Developmental Screening Results?

Positives findings on Hx, FH, SH or PE
- Abnormal developmental screening test

Parents request evaluation from local school district AND consider interdisciplinary developmental team assessment

Positive findings on Hx, FH, SH or PE
- Normal developmental screening test

Consider interdisciplinary developmental team assessment OR medical evaluation OR monitor

Normal Hx, FH, SH or PE
- Abnormal developmental screening test

Parents request evaluation from local school district AND consider interdisciplinary developmental team assessment

Normal Hx, FH, SH or PE
- Normal developmental screening test

Collaborate with family regarding next steps AND continue to monitor with screening

Version 03-27-08 ©