Learn The Signs. ACT Early., LA County 211 And WIC - A Pilot Relationship
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Abstract
In 2015, Learn the Signs. Act Early (USC UCEDD), LA County 211 Developmental Screening Program and the Pasadena WIC program began a collaborative relationship. This pilot braids customized LTSAE materials with a unique phone based developmental screening program and WIC’s easy access to parents.

LA County 211 Screening Program
LAC 211 – Program overview
In 2009, LA County 211, the local resource and referral info line, began conducting phone based developmental screening for children under the age of 5. People contacting 211 for any reason are asked if they have a child under the age of 5 and if so, would they be interested in a free developmental screening. Parents who accepted were asked questions from the PEDS, PEDS: DM or M-CHAT. Children who didn't pass the screening were referred to their local regional center (Part C agency) and LA County 211 provided follow up to assure that the family didn't encounter any barriers to assessment. This program has been highly successful; over 10,000 children have been screened with over 50% identified as at risk for a developmental delay and received care coordination services through 211.

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Project Components

Program Description
WIC staff have a set of developmental checklists that have customized with a direct phone number for the LA County 211 Screening Program. WIC staff review the age appropriate checklist with the parent and ask if they would be interested in participating in a developmental screening over the phone with 211. Parents are directed to call the number on the checklist either at the WIC office or at their leisure. The goal of this program is to take advantage of WIC’s access to families and status as a trusted source of information to as a way to help families participate in developmental screening without adding to the workload of WIC workers.

Due to a funding gap, this project is in its initial phase. Results will be share as we gather more data.