

## Interpretation

Developmental screenings provided to Delaware children ages 10 months to 5 years rose dramatically from 10.9 percent in 2007 to 30.8 percent in 2011-2012 for Delaware. Overall, Delaware and the U.S. achieved substantial gains in the percentage of children screened for development delays. Delaware aims to screen at least 40 percent of children ages 10 months to 5 years for developmental and behavioral problems by 2020 to meet national Healthy People 2020 goals.

## Addressing the health issue

The Early Childhood Comprehensive System manages multiple programs that provide screenings for developmental and behavioral problems for children. The Child Development Watch program is a coordinated, interagency program designed to address developmental delays or disabilities for those children, birth to age 3. The Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) resource is a tool for parents and professionals to screen for delays. And, the Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services (DPBHS) within the Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families provides support through varied intervention and prevention programs.

- Children age 10 months to 5 years who received a standardized screening for developmental and behavioral problems.
  The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to reflect the Healthy People 2020 goal.
  Source(s): National Children's Health Survey, 2007 and 2011