# Screening & Assessment in early childhood settings

There can be some confusion about the difference between screening and assessment in early childhood settings. This infographic helps illustrate key characteristics for each type of tool.

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#### **Characteristics of screening tools:**



- Quick and easy to use
  - Accurate, both in sensitivity and specificity
- Completed by parents, doctors, teachers, child care providers, home visitors, or other professionals

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### Screening answers the question,

"Does a child need an in-depth assessment?"

#### Screening can...

- identify children who are **developing on schedule**.
- identify children who would **benefit from practice or support in specific areas.**
- identify children **at risk for developmental delays** who should be referred for further evaluation.

#### Screening cannot...

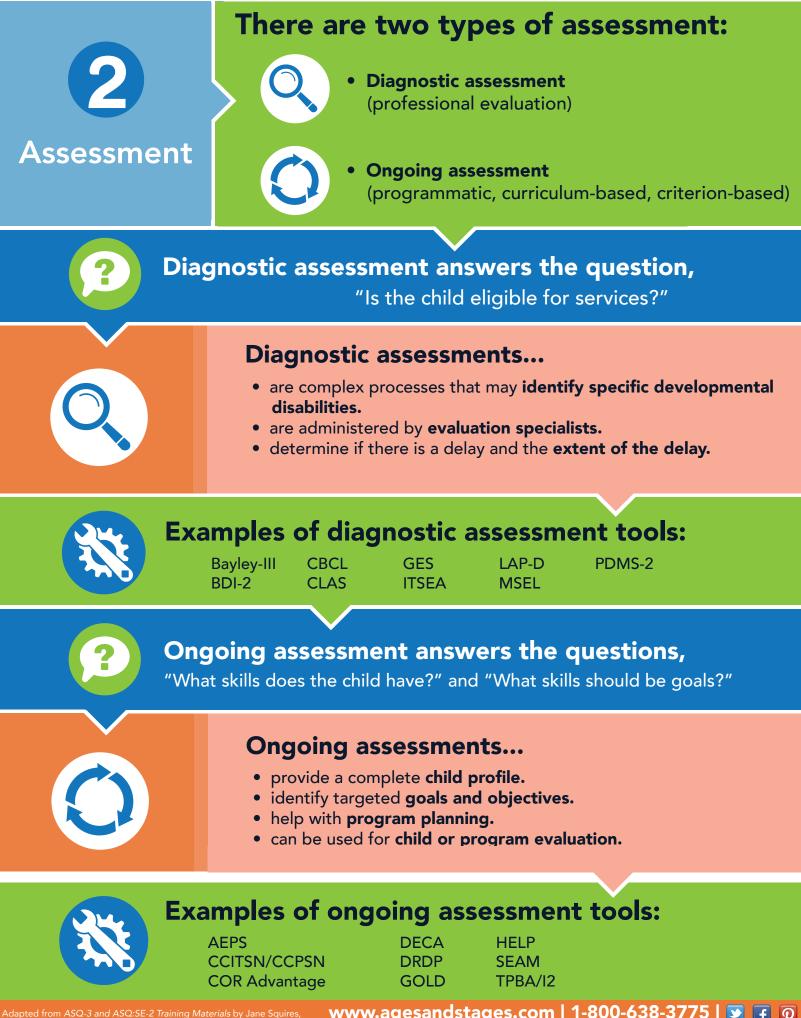
- diagnose delays or disabilities.
- identify specific **child goals to target.** Screening only provides information on general areas of development.

#### Examples of screening tools: ASQ-3 ASQ:SE-2 DECA ESI-R RDSI ASQ:SE-2 DECA ESI-R RDSI

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