Screening Procedures

There are screens...

...and there are dreaded screens...

...and there are very important screens...

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In this module, you’ll learn:

- States have the option of adopting screening as part of Child Find
- What States must do, if they adopt screening procedures
- The importance of parental notification and consent
- What the Part C regulations say about screening, verbatim

States may choose to include in their child find systems:

**What?**
Procedures for the screening of children who have been referred to Part C…

**Why?**
…to determine whether they are suspected of having a disability

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### Defining Screening Procedures

Who may carry out screening of children?
- The lead agency
- Early intervention service providers
- Those under the supervision of the lead agency or an EIS provider

Screening procedures include:
The administration of appropriate instruments by qualified personnel that can assist in determining whether a child is suspected of having a disability

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### Parental Notification and Consent!

…are required before any screening procedures may be administered

The lead agency must make reasonable efforts to ensure that the parent:
- is fully aware of the nature of the evaluation and assessment of the child, or the services that would be available
- understands that the child will not be able to receive these unless consent is given

The lead agency may not override the parents’ refusal of consent
Results of the Screening and Other Available Info

Yes
The child is suspected of having a disability

The lead agency for Part C must...

• Evaluate the child

No
The child is not suspected of having a disability

• Provide parents with prior written notice *

* If the parents request an evaluation of their child, the child must be evaluated