



St. John Parish Early Childhood Network



The **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** is a law that ensures all children with disabilities are eligible to receive a free and appropriate education through special education services. Infants and toddlers until the age of 3 receive early intervention services under <u>IDEA Part C (Early Steps)</u>. Children ages 3 through 5 receive special education and related services under <u>IDEA Part B (Child Find)</u>.

<u>Learn the Signs. Act Early. (LTSAE)</u> is a federally mandated program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that encourages parents of children ages birth to 5 years and providers who care for them to:

- learn the signs of healthy development
- monitor every child's early development; and
- act early on possible developmental concerns: talk with doctors and ask for developmental screening.

The materials provided by LTSAE are parent education and engagement tools that support developmental monitoring and help staff decide when to refer a child to other professionals for screening; they are not a replacement for developmental screening.

The Louisiana Department of Education has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Health to offer our early childhood networks the opportunity to co-brand and customize some of the LTSAE materials.



