

*'All children deserve
the right of full
participation in
community life'*
—*Dr. Don Offord*



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What is our View of The Child?

“To the doctor, the child is a typhoid patient; to the playground supervisor, a first baseman; to the teacher, a learner of arithmetic. At times, he may be different things to each of these specialists, but too rarely is he a whole child to any of them.”

*From the 1930 report of
**The White House Conference on Children and
Youth***

Are the Children Well?

- Prevalence of Developmental Issues/issues leading to vulnerability?
- Number of children identified before school?
- Number of children in services?

Ontario's Enhanced 18 month well baby visit Initiative

- Champion Dr Robin Williams
- Trail Blazers in the Ontario College of Family Physicians, Jan Kasperski, Dr Linda Comley, Dr Pat Mousmanis
- Family Physicians and Paediatricians provide well child care and immunizations to majority of children 0-2

Enhanced 18 Month Well-Baby Visit

www.children.gov.on.ca

- The Enhanced 18 Month Well-Baby Visit initiative refers to:
 1. A consistent, focused, developmental **review and evaluation at 18 months of age completed by a primary health care provider in collaboration with parents.**
 2. The use of **standardized assessment tools.** These tools include:
 - **Nipissing District Developmental Screen™ (NDDS™)**
 - www.ndds.ca
 - **Rourke Baby Record (RBR)**
 - www.rourkebabyrecord.ca

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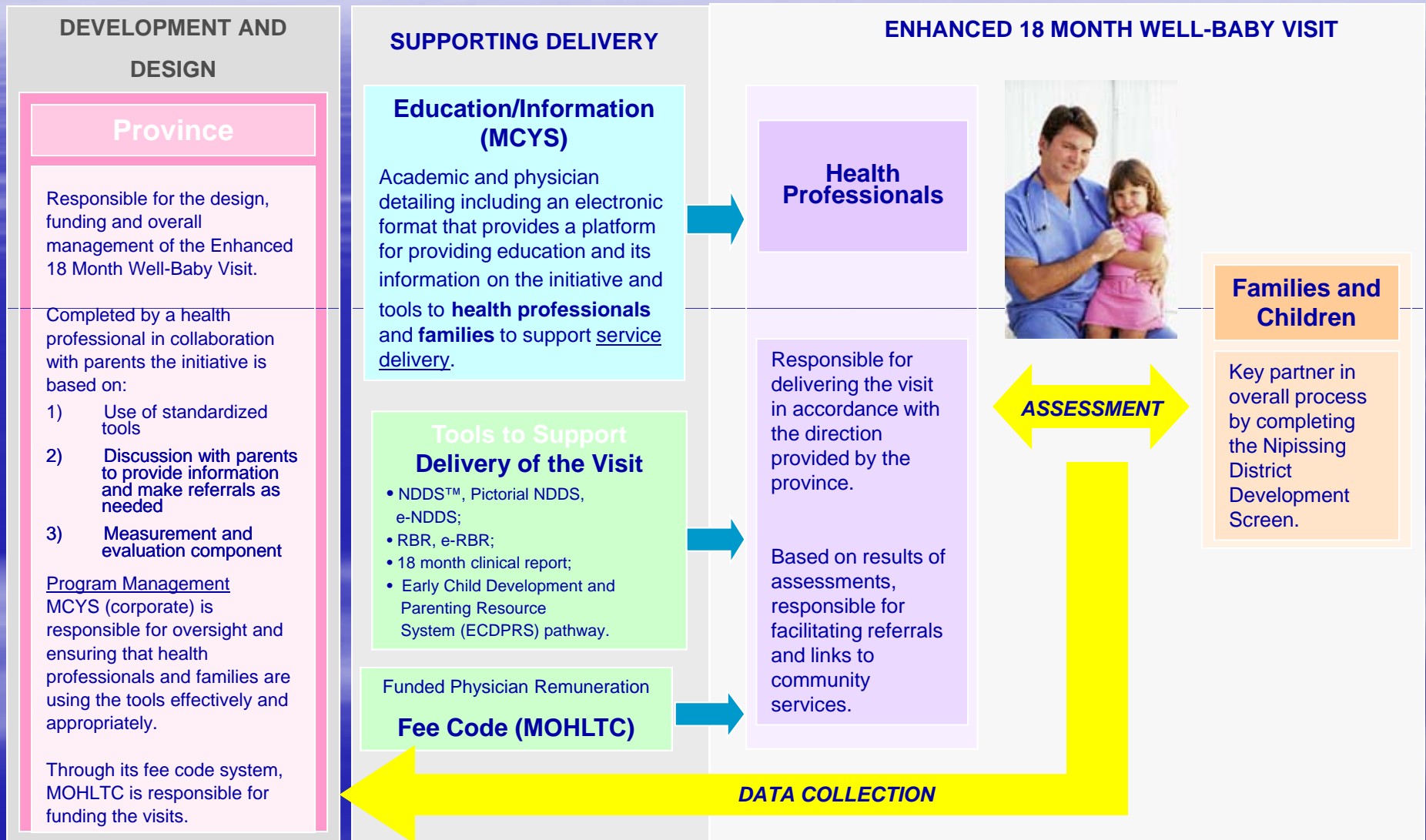
3. A process to:

- Support discussions with parents on healthy child development;
- **Provide information on parenting and community programs** that promote healthy child development and early learning; and
- When needed, **provide referrals** to specialized community services for those children identified with potential issues, needs and risks.

4. A measurement and evaluation component that tracks how 18 month old children are doing.

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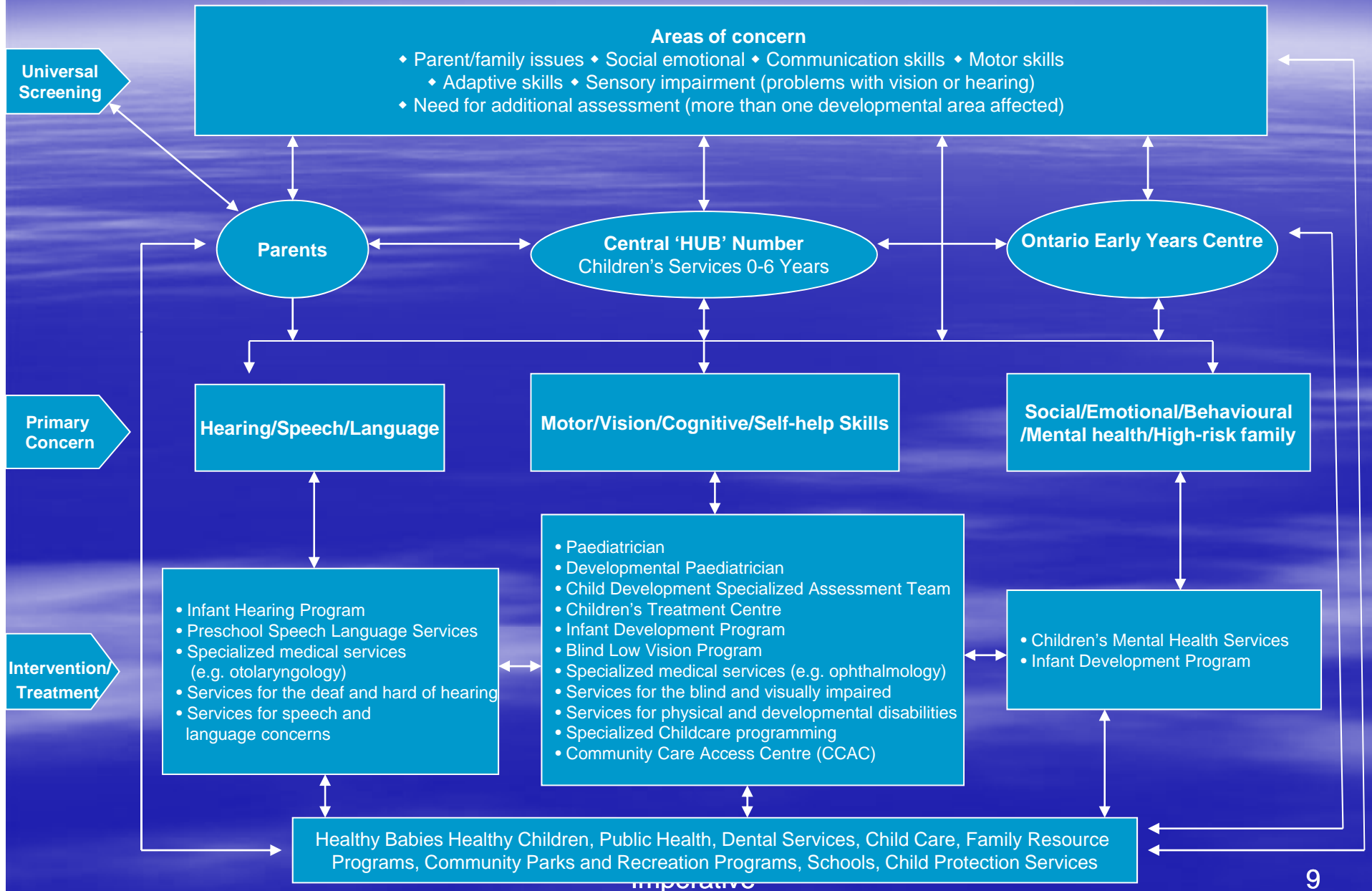
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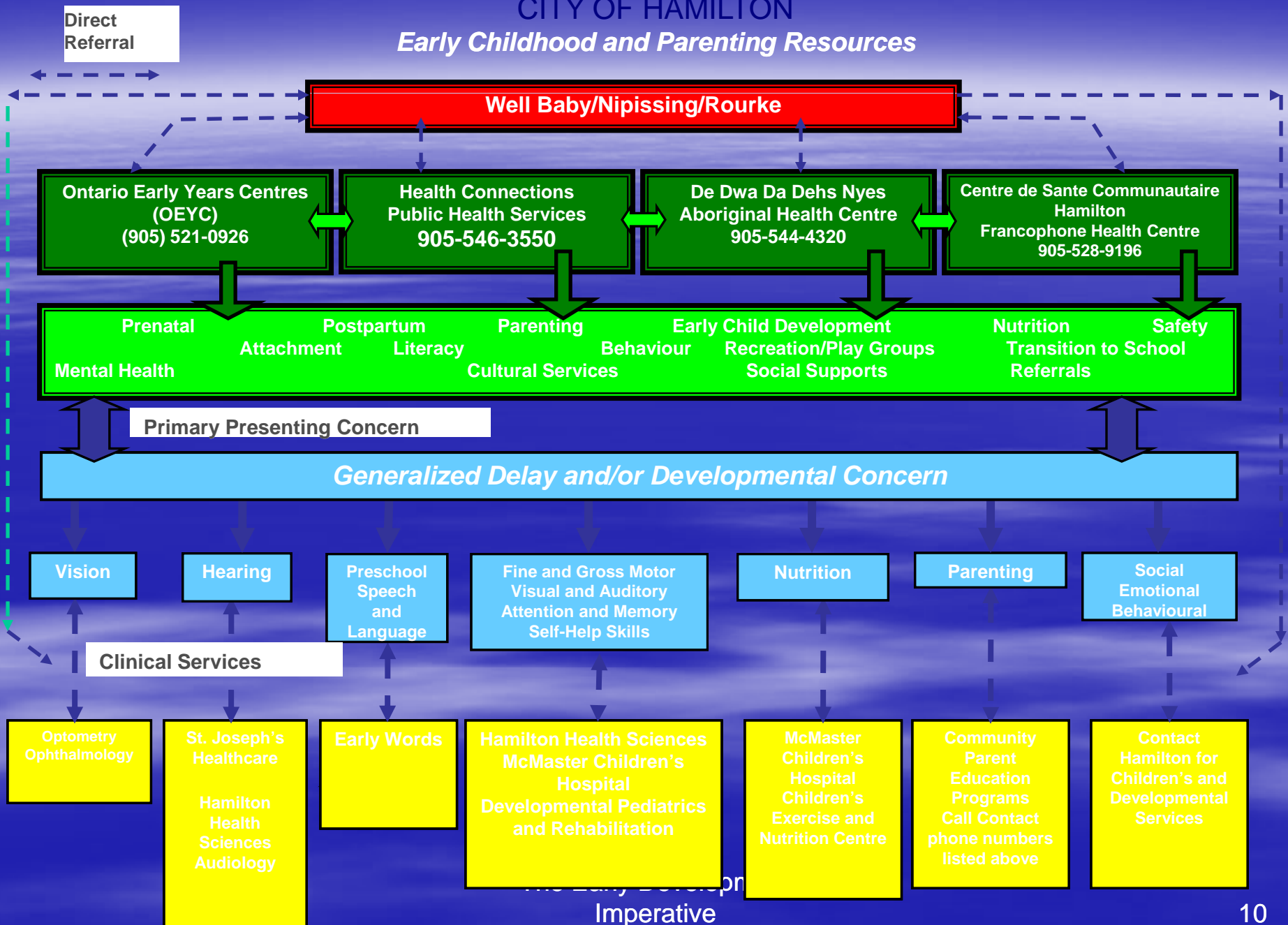
Components

- Education-, Offord Centre TPA, physician (PCP) education, web portal, medical and nursing school education
- Standardized Tools- NDDS license, validation work, Pictorial, updates, eRBR ,eNDDS planning
- Community Partnerships- ECDPRS- many communities developing ‘Check it out’, DEIPP clinics Halton
- Physician Remuneration- new fee code
- Data Collection

Early Child Development and Parenting Resource System - Ontario



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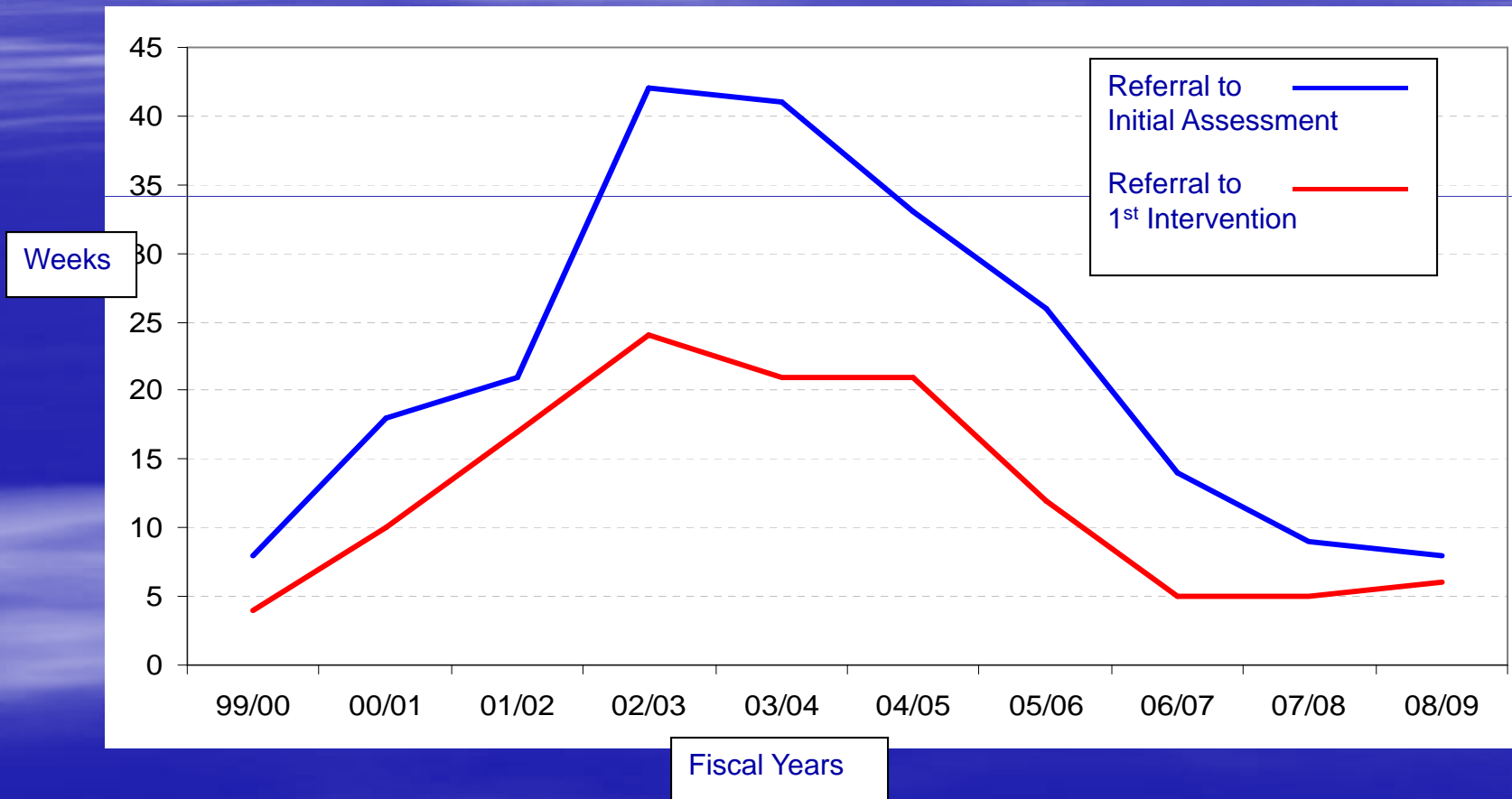
18 Month Visit Developmental Flow Chart



Prepared by: Elizabeth Thompson, Tara Kennedy, Wendy Roberts, Nadia Hall, Steven Cohen and Rhonda Schwartz

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Measurement Tool.... Let the Games Begin!!

- STRUCTURE/PLATFORM:
- Can we use what the PCP are already doing at the assessment visit?
- How are the records being completed?
- Which fields can be abstracted and which measure variance in child development?-Physical, language/cognitive, social/emotional
- Can they be converted into simple valid scales?
- What other, feasible-to-collect items would have a high probability of increasing its validity? Eg # health visits, HS completion, contact with child welfare, maternal depression

Stay Tuned!

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