

CYSHCN

# INCREASING ACCESS TO EARLY SCREENING & IDENTIFICATION

## THE PROBLEM:

In 2022, fewer Nebraska children under age 4 received a developmental screening or were diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder than nationally.

In Nebraska, disparities existed for the percent of CYSHCN who received developmental screenings in the past year by poverty, insurance coverage, and having a medical home.

## THE IMPACT:

Early identification and intervention for children with developmental disorders are critical to their well-being to maximize health and developmental outcomes. Developmental screenings are recommended

to identify developmental delays early in order to receive prompt intervention services to maximize key periods of brain development. This improves a child's ability to learn, develop skills, and adapt to change as they age.

## KEY PROPOSED STRATEGIES:

Promote Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

Promote the Medical Home Model

Offer Home Visiting

