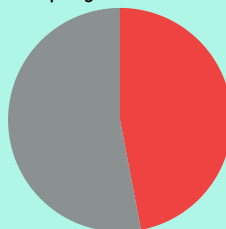


Why Are Workforce Issues Important to Address as Part of the Screening Process?

Developmental, behavioral, and trauma screenings are critical but not sufficient to meet the needs of young children and families¹

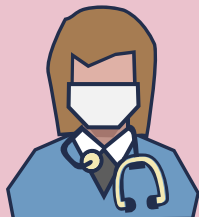
Even when families of young children receive high quality developmental, behavioral, and trauma screenings, physicians may not have a mechanism for referrals or may not receive feedback following referrals

47% of Regional Centers in CA do not have a feedback mechanism in place with primary care physicians²



87%

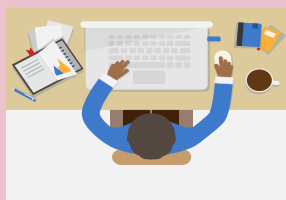
of Regional Centers without a feedback mechanism also lack the workforce, additional resources, and funding to implement a feedback loop³



Shortages in birth to 5 mental health providers across the state result in limited mental health services for very young children

Providers may be unwilling to screen if they have nowhere to refer young children for services

68% of pediatricians feel that a lack of referral services are a barrier to screening young children⁴



Must develop a menu of resources and specialty providers to meet referral needs



A menu of resources and specialty services will support providers following screenings



Simply screening without having any resources, referral mechanisms, and specialty providers in place will not meet child and family needs

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