

DISC Preschool Screen (DPS) Information Page

The DISC Preschool Screen (DPS) is a developmental screening tool that helps educators support each child's uniqueness. It is offered to every child between the ages of 5 months to 60 months with parental/guardian consent within 4-6 weeks of the child's start date and annually thereafter. The DPS is not a "test" and there is no "pass" or "fail".

- Parent/guardian consent forms signed on an annual basis; parent/ guardian signature is also obtained to verify that results have been discussed with them after the screen has been completed.
- If a child is already on a Resource Consultant caseload you do not need to complete a DPS

Use the newest consent form (February 2021), [PDF](#) (to print and fill out by hand) or [Fillable PDF](#) (to fill out on your computer).

Double check age calculations – refer to sample calculation sheet and complete back page of DPS form (QCCN Coordinator has a sample copy)

- Reminder of days calculation: if score under days column is 15 and under, record 0 months; but if score is 16 and over, record 1 month.
- Ensure if child is at older end of range to use adjusted age range: higher age group calculation for 53-55 mo. – subtract 1 point from total score; for 56-59 mo. - subtract 2 points from total score; items in DPS are for children to 60 mo.; 53-59 could possibly get all items correct but given their age - it would not be a true reflection of their abilities. Please note that school age programs are welcome to complete the DPS but are not required to.

Use the [DPS Tracking Sheet](#) or [DPS and Speech and Language Tracking Sheet](#) to track information, ensuring no children are missed

A list for your kit can be found on page 16 of the DPS Manual and be used to ensure all items are in working order. Remember to reuse the DPS booklet for each child as they grow through your centre. The DPS booklet is also copyrighted (including the back page) and cannot be photocopied.

The [Introduction to Quality Child Care Niagara](#) can be used support educators in having conversations around using this developmental screening tool.


The QCCN Coordinator will support you in accessing the Request for Service & Referral Forms and Links

- <http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/childcare/financial-assistance/resource-teacher-support.aspx>

Stats are to be submitted by the 15th of the month for the month prior through link sent by Niagara Region. Or you can visit <https://niagararegion.ca/living/childcare/service-providers/default.aspx>. The link is on the right-hand side under Reporting. **Reminder: scores and referrals are reported within the same month on the stats form.**

Need further support? Watch our QCCN tutorial video on [Getting Started with the DPS](#) or [DPS Age Calculation](#). The QCCN Coordinator is also available for training refreshers for your staff team.

What are some strategies you can implement when sharing results with families?

To request DPS materials, connect with the QCCN Coordinator  [905.646.7311](tel:905.646.7311) x.306 or

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