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#### **Personal Visits**

A certified Parent Educator will share age-appropriate child development and parenting information, help you learn to observe your child and address your parenting concerns. She will also offer ideas for appropriate activities for your child

# Group Connections, Parent/Child Activities

Group Connections are opportunities to share information about parenting issues. Parents learn from and support each other, observe their children with other children and have fun!

## **Developmental Screenings**

Screenings provide opportunities to assess your child's development. They provide information on how your child is meeting developmental milestones and what skills to expect next. Screenings are administered by Parent Educators.

#### Screenings we offer:

\*ASQ, Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Full developmental screening for children 3-35 months, administered in your home.

\*DIAL4, Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning: Full developmental screening for children 3 years to kindergarten entrance, administered at Richland Elementary School.

\*Health, hearing and vision screenings are also provided.

## **Resource Network**

Parents as Teachers can help connect your family to community services that are available for supporting and enriching families.