

## Post-Adoption Child Developmental Assessment

Children who have been adopted internationally may have multiple risk factors for developmental delays, social, or emotional problems. In addition, children who have been adopted domestically may share some of these risk factors. Some families who adopt have questions and concerns about trauma and/or issues related to attachment, bonding, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Research consistently shows that early intervention in the areas of developmental delays is a best-practice approach. A formal assessment after an adoption can provide important developmental information for parents. A developmental assessment provides parents with an accurate assessment of their child's current level of functioning in a variety of areas:

- Gross motor functioning
- Fine motor functioning
- Social and adaptive development
- Cognitive abilities

A developmental assessment can identify areas of learning delay might qualify the child for early intervention services. Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago can provide professional and reliable developmental assessment for recently adopted children.