

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Screening

What is a Screening: A screening provides teachers and families additional information if a child is functioning at their highest potential in the home, community, and school settings. A screening gives a small insight into the child's abilities whether strengths or weaknesses without completing a full occupational therapy evaluation.

Who May Benefit: A screening can be completed on any child. However, if you are having concerns about any of the below items a screening may be beneficial.

- Gross motor tasks such as weakness, clumsiness, poor coordination, posture, strength, endurance, etc.
- Fine motor tasks such as handwriting, use of silverware, fasteners, opening items, coloring, etc.
- Sensory processing such as motor planning, body awareness, sensitivity, seeking, or avoiding certain tactile input, clothes, sounds, movement, smells, etc.
- Perceptual and visual skills such as discriminating colors, shapes, puzzles, drawing, copying, tracking items, etc.
- Attention
- Following verbal or visual directions
- Behavioral concerns such as difficulty with change, transitions, outbursts, hitting, impulsivity, etc.
- Socializing with peers
- Oral motor concerns such as a picky eater, a child who drools, struggles to chew certain foods, etc.
- Difficulty with age appropriate skills such as dressing, hand washing, teeth brushing, creative play, etc.

What to Expect: Anna Coble, MS, OTR/L with FUNctional Therapy can conduct the screen during the school day. The therapist will coordinate with the teacher to identify the most appropriate time. During the screen the therapist will observe the student, speak with the teacher, and/or complete a short assessment. Following the screen Anna will complete a report indicating areas of concern if present, if a complete OT evaluation would be beneficial, and tips to address the areas of concern. A copy of this report will be provided to the appropriate school staff and the parent(s). There is a small fee of \$25.

Additional Information: Following the screening the therapist will contact you about any questions. At that time if your child would benefit from occupational therapy services and you would like to pursue treatment you will be provided with local providers. If you decide FUNctional Therapy is the best fit for your child a full evaluation will be conducting providing strengths and weaknesses in all of the above areas. A consultation will be scheduled to review strengths, weaknesses, and ways to help your child meet their goals. The therapist can also work with your child's teacher to address concerns within the classroom. If your child would benefit from treatment it can be provided at school or our clinic. In addition, our facility is in-network with many insurance companies and this can help offset the expense of an evaluation and/or treatment.