



Dear Parents,

I am thrilled to begin another school year and see all the smiling faces return in September! My name is Kelly Hale, and I am the Developmental Specialist at Trinity Learning Center. I hold a Master's Degree in Human Development & Early Childhood Disorders from UTD and have over 14 years of experience working in Early Childhood Intervention programs, supporting children with developmental delays and their families.

I strongly believe in providing children with hands-on experiences, making learning fun, and encouraging independence through play. These elements help build a strong foundation for both academic success and life skills.

As the Developmental Specialist, I have the privilege of working with teachers and families to support the developmental needs of every child at TLC. Our top priority is ensuring that all children who walk through our doors receive the care and attention they need to thrive. Research shows that 1 in 6 children have a developmental disability or delay, yet less than half of these children are identified before entering elementary school. To help bridge this gap, I will be offering developmental screenings throughout the school year.

About the Developmental Screenings:

- **Completely voluntary**
- **No cost** to TLC families
- Requires **parental/guardian consent** before administration

A developmental screening may be beneficial for children who show concerns in any of the following areas:

- ✓ Play
- ✓ Social interactions
- ✓ Vision
- ✓ Fine motor skills
- ✓ Behavior
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Hearing
- ✓ Gross motor skills

Developmental screenings will be offered on an ongoing basis, with scheduling beginning in the second week of school. I will use the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire, 3rd Edition (ASQ-3)** to determine if further assessment is recommended. Additionally, I will collaborate with your child's teacher to monitor developmental milestones in the classroom.

Following the screening, I will:

- ✓ Review and discuss your child's results with you
- ✓ Provide local resources for further assessment if needed
- ✓ Offer guidance on developmental milestones
- ✓ Share age-appropriate activities to support your child's growth at home and in the classroom

We appreciate your partnership in fostering each child's development and success. I look forward to working with your family and ensuring that every child at TLC receives the support they need. If you have any questions or would like more information about the screening process, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Kelly Hale
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