



Frequently Asked Questions about the ASQ

What is the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)?

The ASQ is a trustworthy and valid screening tool created by researchers. This screening tool is easy to read and complete. It is a checklist designed to assess and follow children's development from 2 to 60 months of age. The first screening tool (ASQ-3) focuses on general development. The second screening tool (ASQ: SE) focuses on social and emotional development. For more information about the Ages & Stages Questionnaires, visit www.agesandstages.com.

Why is regular developmental screening important?

Screening young children is an effective, efficient way for professionals to catch problems and start treatment when it does the most good—during the crucial early years when the child's brain and body are developing so rapidly.

Because **developmental and social-emotional delays can be subtle and can occur in children who appear to be developing typically**, most children who would benefit from early intervention are not identified until *after* they start school.

Regular developmental screenings can help parents discover developmental delays early. The ASQ gives parents a better understanding of their child's general, social, and emotional development. If delays are present, families can be connected to the right early intervention services and community resources.

What can I expect?

Each screening takes about 10 minutes to complete. The screening is submitted online. A specialist scores the screening and you will receive a personalized email with the results of the screening along with suggestions for activities, supports and resources.

What are the benefits to families?

- Provides a chance to observe, report and communicate about child development
- Provides a road map for growth and development in the early years
- Provides early discovery of developmental delays
- Provides timely support of needed services

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