

Introducing ASQ to Parents - Script

1. Remind parents about the purpose of the ASQ.

“One of the services we provide at (insert name of program) is a developmental screening program. Screening provides a quick check of your child’s development to make sure development is on-schedule. The tool we use is called the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ).”

- The ASQ is a tool that parents can use to check your child’s development.
- Your child may be able to do some but not all of the items asked.
- You or family members can help a child practice skills.
- Your answers show your child’s strengths and any areas in which your child may need support or more practice in the classroom or at home.

2. Review “Important Points to Remember” (see top of 1st page of ASQ Questionnaire).

- Try an item with your child if you have not already seen them do the skill.
- Trying activities can be a game that is fun for you and your child.
- When you try activities, make sure your child is rested and ready to play.

3. Review the ASQ areas.

ASQ asks about skills in 5 developmental areas to get a quick look at your child’s strengths and skills that may need practice:

- **Communication** - asks about your child's language skills, both what they understand and what they can say.
- **Gross motor** - asks about how your child's moves their arms and legs.
- **Fine motor** - asks about your child's hand and finger movement and coordination.
- **Problem-solving** asks about how your child thinks, plays with toys and how they solve problems.
- **Personal-social** asks about feeding, dressing, and how they engage with others.

4. Review the response options.

There are 3 possible answers to each question. You can mark:

- **Yes** - your child is doing the skill.
- **Sometimes** - means you are just beginning to see the skill - your child tries with your help.
- **Not yet** - your child isn't doing the skill or behavior at this time.

5. Review the overall section.

The last section is the **Overall section**

- The overall section asks important questions about your child's overall development and any concerns you may have. These questions are answered yes or no. You can also write answers.

Do you have any questions?