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## Steps to use this site with parents

Parents will be more comfortable with screening when they understand how it benefits them and their child. A provider's role is to support parents to complete ASQ and/or ASQ:SE for their child.

Review these important steps when using this site together with parents to screen young children. For details and downloadable handouts see [Provider Toolkit page](#)



### Step 1. Introduce Screening

- Consider if the online method fits with a parent's practical needs. (Do they have time? Do they have internet access? Do they need your help?)
- Decide how you will inform parents about your screening program.
- Offer the opportunity to complete ASQ to all parents in your program.
- Provide an introduction letter to parents. See [What is screening?](#)
- Provide a simple set of instructions for parents to fill out questionnaires and share results with you. Offer instructions that parent will easily be able to do. *Choose a method that best fits your needs. See Step 2. below.*



### Step 2. Instructions for parent - Choose an option

- Provider or parent download a blank ASQ – parent fills out the paper version then parent or provider enter responses in the online session. (Note – ASQ:SE is not available for blank download.)
- Parents fill out the questionnaires online then prints or emails copies to share with provider.
- Provider and parent each fill out questionnaires online, then meet to share results.
- Provider and parent fill out ASQ online together. (ASQSE should be completed by each person, separately).
- With parent consent, provider fills out ASQ or ASQSE online, then meets with parent to review answers and talk about follow up steps together.

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### Step 3. Discuss Child's Results & Follow – Up

- **Review** the ASQ responses and the results letter with parent or caregiver. Remind them of the purpose of screening. Talk about a child's strengths and any areas that may need extra focus.  
See [Tips for discussing results with parents](#) and [Discuss Results Script](#)
- **Follow-up** with all parents. For all parents, provide a packet with Next Steps handout and ASQ Play activities. Include your local Early Intervention program's brochure and resources such as 211 Family Info or other parenting support.  
See [Play Activities](#) and [Next Steps handout](#).
- **Encourage** parent to share results with child's health care provider for their well-child record or to help with conversation about concerns.
- **Support parent** to contact their local Early Intervention provider if there are concerns about a child's development.  
See [Contacts \(who to call\)](#)
- **Encourage parent** to continue to use the site to check development every 4-6 months. Rescreen sooner if there are concerns about development.
- **Provide practice** with skills in childcare settings.