

## What is Screening?

Introduction letter for parents

### **Dear Parents,**

The first 5 years of your child are very important.

A young child's brain is developing faster during these early years than any other time in their lives. We work hard at (*insert the name of your program here*) to make sure your child is safe, happy and loved. We also want to make sure we provide activities and materials to help your child grow and learn.

### **You know your child best.**

To make sure we meet your child's needs, we would like your help getting to know them better. We use a parent-completed questionnaire called the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE) to help provide a quick check of your child's development. By filling out the ASQ and the ASQ:SE, you can help us identify your child's strengths, and any areas that your child can use more practice.

### **At this age, children learn skills through play.**

We use the information from screening to help plan the kinds of materials or activities we should make available for your child. If completing this questionnaire brings up any concerns, we can talk about resources in the community that can help.

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### Screening is a fast and fun way to:

- Make sure a child's development is on track
  - Learn about what's coming next in a child's development
  - Catch concerns early when follow-up and support can make a difference.
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### What should I do after screening?

- Print and save the [Next Steps Guide](#)
  - Review your completed questionnaires
  - Share results with caregivers or health provider
  - Use Play and learning activities to practice skills
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### Who do I call if I have concerns?

- Follow up with your early intervention provider
- Schedule a free development checkup
- Learn more about free services