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## What is ASQ?

The *Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™)* is a series of parent completed questionnaires that provide a quick check of early development in the ages of 1 month through 5 years.

Each questionnaire asks about learning and skills that are expected for a specific age range. There are no questions about “advanced” skills. Parents complete only the ASQ that matches their child’s age.

ASQ is a survey of what a child can do at a point in time. It provides a snapshot of a child’s development.

Questions on the ASQ ask about activities that most children do in play and daily routines. These are activities that parents can easily observe, or can try with a child if they have not already seen the skill.

Parents answer based on what they have already seen, or what their child is doing. ASQ is a survey of a child’s skills and not a test. If a child has not had opportunity to do or try an activity, parents can practice with their child over a day or so before marking a response. (It is not required that a child demonstrate a skill at the time the parent fills out the ASQ. If they - or teacher - have already seen their child do the skill, they can mark the answer.)

Teachers or childcare providers can support parents in their screening program to complete an ASQ and discuss results together to learn more about a child’s development.

Parents can complete ASQ every 6 to 12 months to check development. Time between screenings (about 6 months) is needed to allow for learning and development as a child grows. If there are concerns about development, parents may use ASQ about 2 to 4 months between screenings.

ASQ helps parents learn a child’s strengths as well as any areas or skills that may need extra practice or support. Activities help parents learn what to expect a child is ready to do or learn in each age range.

Results help to determine if a child’s development is on schedule or if further evaluation with a professional may be needed.