
Frequently Asked Questions – Discussing Results with Parents

What are you going to do with this questionnaire? Can I have a copy?

- Yes, you keep the questionnaire. I will make a copy for my records too, but I will not show the results to anyone without your permission.

Can I do another one?

- Yes, you can go back to the website any time you want (osp.uoregon.com).

Have you got any ideas for things I can do to help my child at home?

- Yes, let's look at the play activities together and see which ones would be fun for you to try.

How do I make a referral?

- All you need to do is call. I have the number right here. Heather is the person you can talk to.... I've met her and she's very helpful. We can call her right now.

What are they (Early Intervention) going to do?

- Early Intervention is a family friendly organization. After you call, they will schedule a time to meet with you and your child. They have specialists who can discuss your concerns. They will take a much more in-depth look at your child's development. If they identify an area where your child can use more support, you make a plan together and set goals for your child. Early Intervention provides free services such as speech therapy to children.

How much is Early Intervention going to cost me?

- Nothing. These are free services to all families.

I'm not sending my child to special education.

- I understand your concern. This decision is completely up to you. I'd like you to know Early Intervention often prevents children from needing special education in school. But we really don't know what is going on yet. Your child may have a health issue that making it hard for him in this area. The next step is only to get more information from developmental specialists and your child's doctor. Would that be okay?

I'm not worried. His doctor said he was doing fine and said he would catch up.

- It's good to know his doctor feels he is healthy and doing well. One thing to keep in mind is that doctors do not spend much time with your child. It is hard for them to look closely at a child's development. You know your child best and have shared your observations on the ASQ. What about making an appointment to share these ASQ results with your doctor?

But he's so young!

- Yes, he is still very young—but one thing that research has shown is that these first five years is when the brain develops the majority of neurons (pathways in the brain); and is most open to learning. It is one of the very best times to support your child's development.