

## 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?*