



## Introducing ASQ to Parents - Script

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### 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 will be able to do some but not all of the items asked.
- You or family members can help the child practice skills.
- Your answers can help 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 1<sup>st</sup> page of ASQ Questionnaire).

- Remember to try each item with your child before making a response.
- Make completing the questionnaire a game that is fun for you and your child.
- Make sure your child is rested and fed.

### 3. Review the ASQ areas.

There are 5 different areas on the ASQ:

- The **Communication** area asks question about your child’s language skills, both what he understands and what he says.
- The **Gross motor** area asks questions about your child’s large muscle movements of his arms and legs.
- The **Fine motor** area asks questions about your child’s hand and finger movement and coordination.
- The **Problem solving** area asks question about how your child plays with toys and solves problems.
- The **Personal-social** area asks questions about feeding, dressing, his/her knowledge about himself and his interactions with others.

### 4. Review the response options.

There are 3 possible answers to each question. You can mark that;

- “Yes” your child is performing the skill.
- “Sometimes” meaning your child is just beginning to do this skill but not consistently (it is emerging).
- “Not yet” meaning you have “not yet” seen your child do this skill.

### 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.

**Do you have any questions?**