



## Tips for discussing ASQ and ASQ:SE Results with Families

### Prepare to Meet with Families

- Provide follow-up information as soon as possible.
- Make time for questions and conversation.
- Make notes about the child / family strengths and any challenges the child is having (ASQ-3, ASQ:SE, and classroom observations).
- Gather information you might need from the family (e.g., child's health information).
- Select a time that works for the family. Include important family members who know and care for the child.
- Select a private, comfortable place.
- Consider culture or language differences. An interpreter may be needed or there may be family members who must be included.
- Know community resources and follow-up options: Call the 211 Information line for local resources, see *Find Local Support* and *Parent Resources* on the asqoregon site.

### Review Results with Families

- Set a positive, friendly tone.
- Assure the family that the discussion is confidential.
- Remind the family about the purpose of screening.
- Review the completed ASQ together with parent. Start with items marked YES.
- Celebrate skills the child is doing.
- Read through *ASQOregon Results Letter* together.
- Emphasize the child's strengths.
- Use this time to find out more about the child. It is not unusual for parent and teacher responses or results to be different.
- Children may demonstrate different skills or act differently at home and at school.
- Provide fun ideas for practicing skills by using the ASQ Play and Learning Activities.

### When Referrals Are Recommended or If Concerns Arise

- ✓ Discuss parental concerns and provide specific, nonjudgmental examples of your concerns, if any.
- ✓ Be open to the family's ideas and viewpoints.
- ✓ Discuss information that may have affected the child's scores (e.g., child's health, lack of opportunity to practice items, etc.).
- ✓ Be empathetic and compassionate.
- ✓ Share information about Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE). Let parents know that the services are free and family friendly.
- ✓ Encourage parents to share ASQ results with their health provider.

*Remember that you are there to help the family take the next steps.*