



## What is Screening • Introduction letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

**The first 5 years of your child are very important.** A young child's brain is developing faster during these early years than any other time in their lives. We work hard at (*insert the name of your daycare/center here*) to make sure your child is safe, happy and loved. We also want to make sure we provide activities and materials to help your child grow and learn.

**You know your child best.** To make sure we meet your child's individual needs, we would like your help getting to know them better. We use a parent-completed questionnaire called the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) to help provide a quick check of your child's development. By completing the ASQ, you can help us identify your child's strengths, and any areas that your child can use more practice.

**At this age, children learn skills through play.** We use ASQ information to help plan what types of materials or activities we should make available for your child. If completing this questionnaire brings up any concerns, we can talk about resources in the community that can help

### ❖ Instructions

1. Please go to [asqoregon.com](http://asqoregon.com) and complete on-line screening.
2. When you are finished:
  - Download and print the PDF of completed ASQ and ASQ:SE
  - Download and print email Results Letter
  - Bring copies of these to your child's teacher.

(If this letter is attached to paper version of the ASQ, you could also add the following)

**While completing the ASQ keep these tips in mind:**

- Take time to observe or try each item with your child.
- 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.

**Questions in the ASQ are about skills in the following 5 areas or “domains”**

- **Communication:** Looks at your child's language skills, both what he or she understands and what he or she can say
- **Gross motor:** Looks at your child's large muscle movement and coordination
- **Fine motor:** Looks at your child's hand and finger movement and coordination
- **Problem solving:** Looks at how your child plays with toys and solves problems
- **Personal-social:** Looks at your child's self-help skills and interactions with others

**Answer by choosing the response that best describes your child.**

Responses to questions in each domain:

- **“Yes”** means your child is able to do the skill.
- **“Sometimes”** means your child is just beginning to do the skill but only does it sometimes
- **“Not yet”** means your child can not yet do the skill

**Overall Section:**

Asks important questions about your child's overall development and any concerns you may have.

Thanks so much for choosing (*insert name of daycare/center*).

We are so happy to have your child at our center!