

Child Screenings Ages and Stages Developmental Screening Questionnaire (ASQ)

What is it?

ASQ is a developmental screening tool used to determine if children may need early intervention services.

The earlier a developmental problem is discovered, the more likely a favorable outcome will occur with intervention.

It's important for a child to be screened several times during the preschool years because delays can become evident at different stages of development

School Readiness & ASQ

All School Readiness children between the ages of 6 weeks and 60 months are screened using the ASQ tool. They are screened upon enrollment into a center or family childcare home. They are also screened annually during the month of their birthdays.

The ASQ is administered by the teacher in the early learning classroom. The ASQs are then submitted to the staff of the Early Learning Coalition where they are scored and evaluated.

ASQ Facts

The ASQ evaluates 5 developmental areas.

1. Communication -Language Skills
2. Gross Motor Skills - Large Muscles
3. Fine Motor Skills - Small Muscles
4. Problem Solving - How the child plays/ figures out solutions
5. Personal-Social- Interactions with others

The ASQ

- takes about 15 to 20 minutes to administer
- is for children aged 6 weeks to 60 months
- is accurate
- is developed for parents and teachers to use
- is a first-level screening tool to identify developmental delays
- is used as a baseline to track children's development

The ASQ SE (Social & Emotional) is offered by request to parents and teachers.



If you have any concerns about your child's development, please call the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

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Child Assessment

What is it?



Early learning assessment is a process for providing information to parents and teachers about what children know and what children are able to do.

Our Coalition uses **My Teaching Strategies Assessment System** which organizes information into ten areas for learning. These include Social Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Studies, The Arts and English Language Acquisition.

These areas are broken into 38 objectives. Teachers first determine where children are in a developmental and learning progression. Then they can incorporate learning activities that will move children along the progression by attaining more knowledge and skills.

This type of assessment system allows teachers to observe, evaluate and plan for the individual needs of all children in the group. The system with all of its tools is also available in Spanish.

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Why is it done?

Assessment information is used to plan instructional programs for early learners that will help them move to the next step in a sequence of learning.

By charting the progress of children, individual strengths and areas that need further development can be determined. This allows preschool teachers to plan the child's instructional experience to help them master skills in both individual and group settings.

Assessment findings are the basis of conferences with families to let them know about their child's progress.

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Who does it?

Preschool teachers observe their students during normal activities and play to determine how their skills are developing. Teachers may also seek information from parents when analyzing children's knowledge and skills.

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When is it done?

Assessments are completed three times during the instructional year. This assessment is provided for all children who are supported with subsidized care programs administered by the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

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How we support it.

Assessment data for My Teaching Strategies is stored electronically for all children who receive School Readiness Funding. The online system summarizes information collected on children and reports outcomes over multiple years. Teachers are able to identify strengths of their programs, make adjustments as needed, and access the My Teaching Strategies activity library.

This assessment tool matches developmentally appropriate activities to each child's skill level and assists teachers in developing appropriate learning experiences.

Assessment training and guidance from the Coalition's Assessment Specialists are provided to assist teachers with this important assessment process.



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