Recommended Developmental Screening Tool
Ages & Stages Questionnaires:
ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2

Description: Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ®-3) is a developmental screening tool designed for use by early childhood educators and health care professionals. It relies on parents as experts, is easy-to-use, family-friendly, and creates the snapshot needed to catch delays and celebrate milestones. The (ASQ®:SE-2) focuses on social-emotional skills and behavior, to be completed by/with parents, and is an expansion of the personal-social domain, which is measured in the ASQ-3. Each ASQ takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and 2-3 minutes to score/process. The number of items on each ASQ varies based on the age interval and range from 30-40 questions.

Purposes: The ASQ(s) are tools designed to:

- To gather and provide a snapshot of a child's development from one month up to six years of age.
- To screen young children to catch delays early in developmental milestones and identify any need for further assessment.
- To assist professionals to quickly recognize young children at risk for social or emotional difficulties and identify behaviors of concern including pervasive disorders such as autism.
- To promote awareness for the importance of early interventions for optimal development.

Administered By: Early childhood educators and professionals, intervention specialists, health care professionals, early childhood specialists, child development center personnel and home visiting programs; support parents and caregivers as they answer the questions. These professionals will score the screening(s) and provide follow up to families.

Domains Screened: The ASQ-3 screens five major milestone domains including: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social. The ASQ:SE-2 is an expanded screener of the personal-social domain of the ASQ-3 and includes the following areas of social emotional development: self-regulation, compliance, social-communication, adaptive functioning, autonomy, affect, and interaction with people.

Age Ranges Covered: For ASQ-3, ages range from one month to 66 months (5.5 years); for ASQ:SE-2, ages range from one month to 72 months (6 years).

Parent Involvement: Screening information is reliant upon either parent or caregiver report or an early childhood provider who spends a significant amount of time with the child when in their care.

Recommended Intervals/Frequency: There are 21 age intervals ranging from two months to 60 months for the ASQ-3 and nine age intervals ranging from two months to 72 months for the ASQ:SE-2. For children birth to 24 months, screening with ASQ-3 every four to six months is adequate. If a delay is suspected, programs should rescreen in two to three months. For children two to three years of age, screening every six months is adequate unless a delay is suspected. Using each age interval of ASQ:SE-2 is a reasonable monitoring schedule unless a delay is suspected. If a delay is suspected, a program should rescreen based on the recommendation of the early childhood educator or health care professional. Programs with fewer resources may choose specific intervals for their monitoring efforts or

follow American Academy of Pediatric Guidelines at: AAP Developmental Surveillance and Screening Patient Care.

Scoring Categories: Result categories are specific only to age interval at time of screening which are: typical, monitor, and referral zones. Typical zone indicates the child is on target for skills for his/her age at the time of screening; Monitor zone indicates a potential delay in development; Referral zone indicates a need for further evaluation or assessment by an intervention specialist.

English Learners: ASQ questionnaires have been translated into many languages. ASQ-3 is available for purchase in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, and Vietnamese. These languages may be accessed in the online system, with the purchase of the print product. See the full list and pricing at: ASQ Product Pricing Other-Languages.

Materials Required/Format Used: The screener is available in both a manual application and an online application.

- Manual Application—The ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 Starter Kits contain 21 paper masters of the ASQ-3 questionnaires, nine paper masters of the ASQ:SE-2, scoring sheets for each tool, a CD-ROM with printable PDF questionnaires, User's Guides, and a free Quick Start Guide for each screening tool. The master questionnaires are photocopiable and free to use indefinitely.
- Online Application—Depends on a program's size and screening delivery needs; if purchased, the manual kits come with any online application purchased. For more information, visit:Online management with ASQ® Pro for single-site programs and ASQ® Enterprise for multi-site programs, ASQ® Hub to link the two, and ASQ® Family Access for online questionnaire completion.

Training: It is recommended that staff who provide ASQ screenings or have access to screenings be trained as a group by a certified ASQ trainer. Free training resources can be found at:

- Resource Toolkit: Ages and Stages Resource Toolkit
- Staff may register for free online demos at: Ages and Stages Online Training Demos

Costs: The manual starter kits for each ASQ Screening kit (ASQ-3 & ASQ: SE-2 respectively) are $590 or $295 each for the English version and an additional $295 per kit for the Spanish versions. The online packages range from $149.95 - $499.95 for annual subscription fees, depending on program needs, and manual starter kits for each ASQ are included. Each online screening cost is 50 cents and is added to the annual invoice. There is also an option to purchase additional technical assistance through the ASQ Online Brookes Publishing Company.

Data: If using the ASQ Online platform, results and screening data are available immediately when a provider or parent completes and submits the questionnaire(s). Manual ASQ data may also be entered into the online platform by the provider if a parent or caregiver does not have a device or the provider screens via phone. Additionally, all child profiles may be augmented to include information from other screening tools or assessments, which is helpful for other providers such as pediatricians, Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) providers, and preschool/kindergarten teachers. A variety of reports are available including:

- Summary sheet of ASQ screening results
- Comprehensive report including summary sheet and completed ASQ(s)
- User-friendly tools to export data for internal use to report on total screening numbers, and percentages for each result category.
- Data can be exported into other datasets or API's via excel or pdf files to download or share with other providers.

For more information, visit: https://agesandstages.com/.