

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

SCREENING (ASQ - Ages and Stages Questionnaire-3)

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the developmental screen at the infant/toddler and preschool levels is to provide a brief assessment of areas of development. The screen should work as a tool in the evaluation and intervention process as an indicator for possible early intervention assessment. In addition, the overview of abilities in motor, pre-language, language, literacy, cognitive, and child/adult interaction acts as a tool for assisting parents to better understand the development of their child. The ASQ-3 is a parent report screening process and offers separate screening tools for children from birth through 5 years old.

PROCEDURE:

1. The screen will be completed by child's parent with guidance from designated staff.
2. The screen will be completed through an observation process which involves direct interactions with the child and adult (parent and/or education staff.)
3. HS and EHS education staff and parents must complete a behavior screen utilizing formal observation within the first 45 days from the first date of service for each program year.
3. Parents and HS/EHS education staff will use the screening sheet which is at the child's age level according to guidelines and update to a new level as the child matures.
4. Children are required to have one screening within the first 45 days from the first day of service for each program year. Parents will be asked to participate in the completion of the screening closest to the child's chronological age at the time of screening according to guidelines.
5. Children will be screened according to their age with each succession of screenings available (e.g. 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 36 months, etc.)
5. The screening pages will be filed in the Education section of the file according to the Education Face Sheet.
6. Developmental concerns will be noted in the Progress Notes and referrals or follow-ups completed as designated in the referral policy.
7. If the teacher/home visitor is unable to meet with the parent to complete the ASQ-3 within the 45 day timeframe, then every effort will be made to utilize information gained from parents along with teacher input to complete the screening within that 45 day timeframe to meet the screening standard.
8. Scores for each developmental area of the ASQ-3 as well as the date completed will be entered by staff into Childplus.