

# UNDERSTANDING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AS A CHILD CARE PROVIDER

As a child care provider, understanding child development can help make your daily care of children easier. Here are a few reasons why you should consider developmental screening:

**Milestone knowledge.** There are a lot of milestones throughout childhood. Regularly reviewing a developmental screening helps you remember what children can and should do at different ages.

**Developmental activities.** Having a variety of activities isn't easy. By using milestone activities from a screening you not only have more ideas, but promote the progress of the kids you care for.

**Individualize care of children.** A screening allows you and parents to share how each child is uniquely reaching milestones, which allows you to provide better individualized care.

**Improves family partnerships.** Developmental screening makes it easy for parents to share their child(ren)'s strengths and areas of concern with you, which helps you improve your relationship.

## There are developmental screening tools available for you!

### Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

For children from birth through age five.

A quick check on milestones in:

- **Communication**
- **Personal-Social**
- **Gross Motor**
- **Problem Solving**
- **Fine Motor**

### Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)

Looks specifically at behavioral and emotional development in children from birth to age six.

## WANT TO IMPLEMENT THE TOOLS?

If you would like to learn more or partner to offer free developmental screenings to your families, participate in the Care About Childcare training offered on the ASQ-3 and/or ASQ:SE.

Learn more on how the ASQ is useful in your work from the publisher:  
<http://agesandstages.com/about-asq/who-uses-asq/child-care-programs/>



Help Me Grow Utah also works in partnership with Child Care Providers throughout the state to provide parents with direct access to developmental screeners at no cost. Visit

[helpmegrowutah.org](http://helpmegrowutah.org) or call 801-691-5322 to learn more!

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