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Do you want to
learn more
about your child's
development?



**Preschool
Developmental Screening**

Guide for parents and caregivers
accessing
developmental screening
in communities throughout
east central Alberta.



Why developmental screening?

Developmental Screening:

- Asks questions about a child's development and gives a "snap shot" of the child's development at that time.
- Helps parents and caregivers understand how a child is progressing.
- Can identify concerns in order that children can get help as early as possible.

What is the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)?

- Parent/caregiver completed tool
- Child friendly, easy to use
- Can use in home or child care setting
- Takes about 15 minutes to complete
- 19 screening intervals between 2 to 60 months
- Results help to determine if a child is developing appropriately or if child requires further monitoring, follow-up or assessment

What are the goals of this initiative?

- To provide parents access to screening opportunities at a variety of locations in their community.
- Increase parent knowledge of children's development and follow-up services.
- Improve early identification and referral of children eligible for educational programming.
- Increase collaborative working relationships between agencies that best support families in successful parenting.

Where can I access developmental screening?

Parents can access screening by contacting a Screening Facilitator at one of the following agencies within their community:

- Public Health/Allied Health Offices
- Daycare Centres, Family Day Homes & Preschool programs
- Home Visitation Programs
- Parent Link Centres, Parenting Programs
- Child and Youth Services office
- Central Intake Office - Pediatric Regional Integrated Service Model (PRISM) to request ASQ forms.
Call 1-780-608-8613 or 1-866-937-7476

What is the process involved?

- Participation is voluntary.
- Parents are invited to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). Caregiver can assist as required.
- Results are scored and reviewed with the parent.
- Parents also share/comment on child's strengths.

Where and how do I access further assessment and follow-up services if required?

- Children requiring further follow-up are referred to Central Intake, PRISM (Primary Pediatric Integrated Services Model).
- This newly developed centralized access to pediatric service aims to provide more comprehensive assessment and follow-up service that addresses all developmental needs of the child and family.