

Care About Childcare

Hello Carrie,

Did you know that developmental screening is the first step in getting to know a child? It helps you to learn:

- Which developmental milestones children have reached
- If children have any specific physical health needs
- If children have possible hearing or vision concerns
- Each child's social and emotional strengths and challenges



These snapshots of each child's health and development help providers and parents decide whether more assessment and evaluation is needed. Every year, more than a million children will enter school with an undiagnosed developmental delay. You can change that. You can help to ensure all children start kindergarten with the right skills to succeed alongside their peers.

ASQ-3 is a set of questionnaires about children's development. It has been used for more than 20 years to make sure children are developing well. A screening provides a quick look at how children are doing in important areas, such as communication, physical ability, social skills and problem-solving skills. ASQ-3 can help identify a child's strengths as well as any areas where a child may need support.

When there is a concern, the first step is usually sharing the findings with parents, in a positive manner, and encouraging them to contact their primary care provider for an appointment as soon as possible.

You can find the ASQ screening tool online for no cost at [Help Me Grow Utah](#). Help Me Grow Utah, 801-691-5322, can help you if you have questions about filling out the questionnaire. For other resources, go to the [Child Development](#) section of [Care About Childcare](#).

Caregivers should talk with families about the screening process—help them know what it is, how they can share their expert knowledge about their child, and then share results. A flyer for the parents is available [here](#) to help you start the discussion! Please hand it out to the parents of children in your care.

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