

Resources: ASQ's and Early Intervention



What is an Ages and Stages Questionnaire?

Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQs) are made up of a series of questions meant to help check a child's development and are completed by our Education Liaison. ASQs can help identify a developmental delay in a baby or toddler, sometimes meaning a referral to Early Intervention services is needed.

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is a system of services that helps babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities. Early Intervention focuses on helping eligible babies and toddlers learn the basic brand-new skills that typically develop during the first three years of life such as:

- Physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, walking)
- Cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems)
- Communication (talking, listening, understanding)
- Social/emotional (playing, feeling secure and happy)
- Self-help (eating and dressing)

When might I expect an ASQ screening for my child?

You can expect a referral to meet with our Education Liaison for an ASQ screening if:

- You express concerns about your child's development.
- A medical exam shows your child is missing developmental milestones.
- Your child was born prematurely or had complications before or after birth.
- Routine imaging (TCD and MRI) shows your child may be at risk for developmental delays.

What happens next?

If after the ASQ is complete and a referral to Early Intervention services is recommended, the Education Liaison will give you more information about Early Intervention and next steps.

If my child needs Early Intervention, what kind of specialist(s) might my child see?

Early Intervention services will be made to meet your child's individual needs and may include:

- Assistive technology (devices a child may need)
- Audiology or hearing services
- Speech and language services
- Counseling and training for the family
- Medical or nursing services
- Nutrition services
- Occupational therapy or physical therapy
- Psychological services

If you have concerns about your child's development, please call your child's Primary Care Doctor. You may also call sickle cell nurse at: **312-227-4813 (M-F 9am to 5pm)**

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