

Benefits of Early Screening



“Early treatment of developmental delays leads to improved outcomes for children, and therefore reduced costs to society”

(Sices, (2007),
Developmental screening
in primary care

Benefits of Early Screening Using a Tool



- Pediatricians fail to detect delays more than 70% of the time when they rely on clinical judgment alone.
- When professionals use reliable and valid screening instruments, they are able to identify 70% to 80% of the children with developmental delays

(Why Screen? (2013))

Goal and Vision Related to Screening

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Goal is to increase the use of both the ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE in Virginia by partnering with local Smart Beginnings Coalitions in screening children birth to 3.

Vision is to ensure all children birth to age five receive periodic developmental screening prior to entering school using the ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE.

ASQ – Current Uses in Our Community

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- Dr. Colleen Kraft
(Carilion Pediatrics)
- Sandra Church
(Early Intervention)



Key Elements of Effective Screening:



- Conducted over time
- Use of reliable and valid tool
- Include information from those who know the child the best (caregivers, parents)
- Look at developmental milestones in a variety of settings
- Give the family resources about the area of concern—developmental information and activities
- Lead to developing an action plan with the family
- Link to child's medical home and early childhood providers

Thoughts & Questions

