

DEVELOPMENTAL CHECKUPS

PREVENTION IN ACTION!

Quotes from Parents

“[I felt] great—it was nice to know that my son is where he should be and that there are people there to help if he wasn’t.”

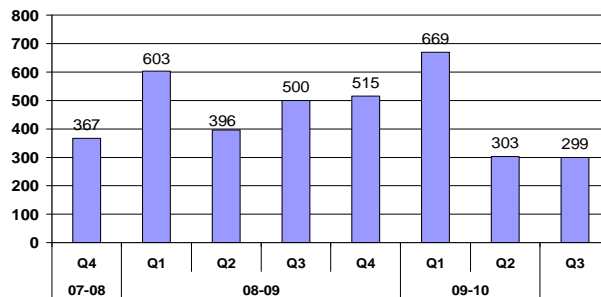
“I guess it’s really helpful to know where your child should be at, at what age. If you are a new parent, you don’t really know what to look for, what’s normal and what’s not. I think a lot of new parents would just assume everything is on track, so it’s good to check it out and learn”.

“Good in a lot of ways. If you catch problems early you can do something.”

KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS

- **3652 ASQs (18 – 36 months) were completed between January 01, 2008 and December 31, 2009.** Additionally, **4261 ASQs** were completed for children between 4–16 months and 42–60 months of age between January 01, 2008 and September 31, 2009.

Number of
18 - 36 Month ASQs
completed by quarter 2008-10



- **It is important to develop a trusting relationship with parents through:**

- ◆ Providing a comfortable environment
- ◆ Not rushing discussions with the parent
- ◆ Using non-judgmental language
- ◆ Acknowledging the parent as the expert regarding their child

- **Parents and professionals have identified the ASQ as being an important and effective tool for:**

- ◆ **Learning about child development milestones.** 61% of parents reported that they learned something about their child’s development as a result of completing the ASQ.
- ◆ **Reassuring parents about their child’s development.** 83% of parents reported positive experiences with the ASQ, mostly because it allowed them to appreciate that their child was developing in a normal way.
- ◆ **Providing information and guidance on ways to support and optimize child development.** 83.3% of PHNs and 76.9% of multidisciplinary staff reported that they were confident that services provided to families in response to the ASQ were appropriate.
- ◆ **Identifying children who require further developmental assessment.** Between Q1 08-09 and Q2 09-10, the average rate of referral for further assessment was 17%. Through a universal approach, the total number of children completing the ASQ increased while the rate of referral decreased.

GROW ALONG WITH ME ACTIVITIES

Developmental Checkups are provided through the:

- ◆ 18 Month Well-Child Clinic Visit,
- ◆ Parents as Teachers Program,
- ◆ Parent Link Centres, and
- ◆ Community Developmental Check-up Blitz held in partnership with the local school division in March/April each year.

Additionally, Developmental Checkups are provided at the 6 month Well-Child Clinic Visit.

Training events were held with Public Health Nurses, GAWM partner staff and regulated child care facility staff. In-services focused on the use of the ASQ, sharing concerns with parents, referral process and information about how to support child development.

REPORTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Grow Along with Me Parent Focus Groups

Parent Satisfaction: Telephone Interviews Referred and not referred Time 1 and Time 2

GAWM Client Pathway Audit.

ASQ: Validity and Reliability Audit

Service Provider Survey

Quarterly Reports