

First Steps to Lighthouse Child Care Centers

We use the ASQ developmental checklist to provide developmental screening for all children within 45 days of enrollment in our program.

After the child has been enrolled for a minimum of four weeks, the screening tool is completed based on teacher observation and demonstration of skills in the classroom environment. The tool used is determined by the child's chronological age at the time of screening. Results are shared with the parents and input is given by the parents on the screening by the parent completing a copy of the ASQ screening as well. Parents and the child's assigned primary care giver will meet via Parent-Teacher conference to review and compare the results of the teacher and parent ASQ screening.

Results of the screening are used to help plan for the child's continued growth and learning. If children are not meeting milestone benchmarks identified in the ASQ developmentally screening, we recommend the parents follow up with the child's pediatrician for additional input and guidance on any concerns related to the child's development.

Our program will also assist parents in completion of the Children First Screening and Referral form for Children Ages Birth to 21 years to start the referral process for further evaluation to the appropriate state agency. For children under the age of three, we refer parents to Babies Can't Wait for further information. For children over three years of age, we would refer to the Vidalia City or Toombs County Board of Education.