

Hello Early Childhood Community,

There has been lots of activity in our state promoting the holistic growth of our earliest learners and supporting our early childhood care and education system, including the Developmental Screening project.

- As you know, ages 0-5 are the most critical for brain development and setting the foundation for each and every child's future! Sharing knowledge with families about child development can empower them as the expert on their own child assuring their role as a critical member of their child's educational team.
- In preparation for HB202 Developmental Screening Bill (effective 7/1/2023) and SB169/SB214 Delaware Child Care Act (effective 7/1/2024), we have several updates and reminders for the implementation and expansion of our current system.
- The Delaware Department of Education is charged with creating the plan and implementing the new developmental screening requirements, while continuing the work that is already well underway. This includes standardizing messaging and materials to support you and your families to engage in developmental monitoring and screening activities.
- As this project grows, responsibilities for both providers and reviewers will continue to pivot. Your role as a partner to families is more important now than ever to support the education about and completion of the developmental and social emotional screening for their child.

### **We have materials to help you!**

1. [Infographic](#) - Information about HB202. Overview of child care providers, Birth to Three Early Intervention Program, and School District Child Find should do regarding developmental screening.
2. [Quick Start Guide](#) - A step-by-step guide for new child care providers and their ASQ points of contact. Includes training steps, how to access your accounts, helpful tips to set up your process, and troubleshooting guidance.
3. [ASQ Provider Technical Assistance Manual \(Early Childhood Programs\)](#) - This manual guides you through the process to successfully implement developmental screening in your program and provides materials to share with families for them to complete the screeners. This resource is most helpful after you have an account and are ready to start sharing the family access portal links with families.



**Get started with these FREE required  
Orientation trainings to access the ASQ Online System.**

#### **These trainings are required for all points of contact in programs:**

- **who do not have DDOE ASQ Online Account access**
  - **or are new points of contacts for an existing account**
1. [Supporting Family-Led Developmental Monitoring:](#)
    - This training is for providers to learn more about developmental monitoring and partnering with families to complete developmental screening. Here is a link to register: <http://www.cds.udel.edu/ltsae>
  2. [Introduction to ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE-2](#) and complete the workbook through DIEEC. Here is a link to the training calendar to register: <https://dieecpd.org/registry/calendar>

**Additional Resources:**

- [August 2020 Provider Call](#)  
Delaware's ASQ Technical Assistants Jenny Grady and Jamie Walko discussed the changes in using the ASQ Online Database and state process. (1.5 hour run time):
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NmycOlutHo>  
Please note the age cut off's were adjusted in April 2022
- [I am the Expert on My Child Parent Training:](#)  
This training is for you to share with families to help families learn more about developmental monitoring and screening. (.5 hour run time) <https://youtu.be/qdTkmY7TRWo>
- [Brookes Publishing ASQ Innovators Webinar Series spotlighting Delaware's work:](#)  
For more information and history on Delaware's developmental screening initiative, follow this link to view (1 hour run time): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJyk9Td7DwI>

**Helpful Links**

DDOE Developmental Screening Resource

Website: [https://education.delaware.gov/families/office\\_of\\_early\\_learning/developmental\\_screenings/](https://education.delaware.gov/families/office_of_early_learning/developmental_screenings/)

DDOE Screening Email: [de.screens@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:de.screens@doe.k12.de.us)

Links to two bills guiding this initiative:

- HB202 Developmental Screening Bill: <https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/78746>
- SB169/SB214 Child Care Act: SB169 - <https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?LegislationId=78821>  
and amendment to timeline in SB214 - <https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail/79098>

Thank you for continuing this important work to support the children and families you serve!

Best,  
The Early Childhood Support Team