

Developmental Screening Initiative

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), in order to address the health and behavioral needs of children through a system of early detection, prevention, and intervention programs, is recommending the following tools for use by all Maryland providers. These tools are to be used for developmental screening by the child care professionals to observe children in their care to identify strengths and potential areas where additional resources and/or referral for services may be needed.

- Ages & Stages Questionnaires Third Edition (ASQ-3)
- Brigance Early Childhood Screen III
- Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning Fourth Edition (DIAL-4)
- Early Screening Inventory—Revised 2008 Edition (ESI-R)

Samples of these tools will be available for review at each of the Child Care Resource and Referral Offices, and MSDE will be sending out additional information and an application to all child care providers to select the screening tool that best fits their needs. The initial cost for the tool will be covered by MSDE. Training is currently being developed on the Developmental Screening process and will become available in 2015. In early 2016, a regulation will take effect that will require all licensed early care and education programs to conduct developmental screening on children aged birth through five years.

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