

human development timeline. During each stage, growth and development occur in the primary developmental domains, including physical, intellectual, language, and social-emotional. The Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)* are high-quality screening tools that include 19 age-specific surveys that ask parents about developmental skills common in daily life for children 1 month to 5½ years old (Box 3-3). Parents or other caregivers answer questions regarding their child's abilities (e.g., “Does your child climb on an object such as a chair to reach something he wants?” “When your child wants something, does she tell you by pointing at it?”). Children whose development appears to fall significantly below results of other children their age are flagged for further evaluation. The ASQ can be used as a universal screening tool in pediatric clinics to identify children at risk for social-emotional developmental delays (Briggs, Stettler, Silver, et al, 2012).

Box 3-3

Ages & Stages Questionnaires*

- Type of screening: Developmental (ASQ-3) and social-emotional (ASQ:SE)
- Age range: 1 to 66 months old for ASQ-3, 3 to 66 months old for ASQ:SE
- Number of questionnaires: 21 for ASQ-3, 8 for ASQ:SE
- Number of items: About 30 per questionnaire
- Online components: Data management and questionnaire completion
- Reading level of items: 4th to 6th grade
- Who completes it: Parents
- Time to complete: 10 to 15 minutes
- Who scores it: Professionals