

Developmental Screening and School Readiness in Florida

We Thought You'd Never ASQ:

How Our State Streamlined Screening for Children Birth to Five

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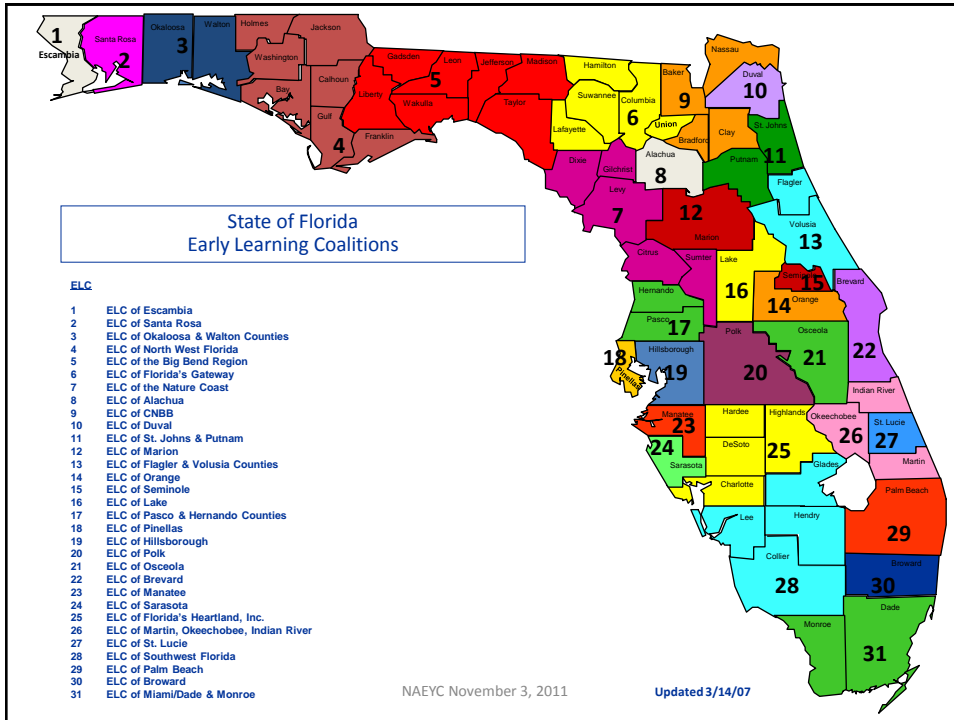
Florida's Early Learning Structure

Provide **supports to teachers, trainers, coaches, & administrators** so that screening & assessment processes are standardized

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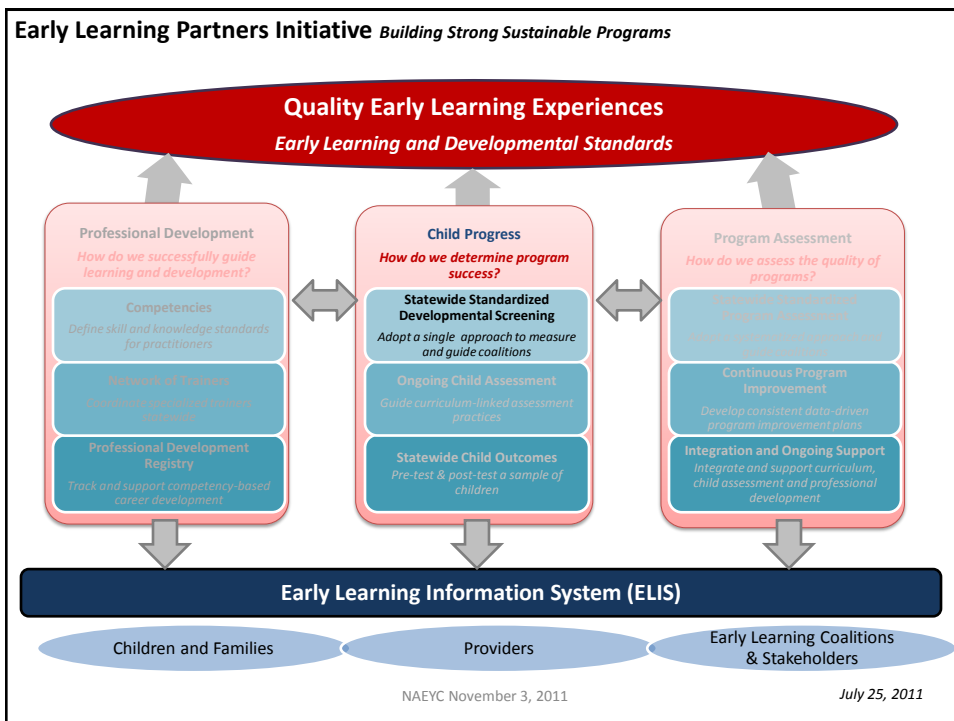
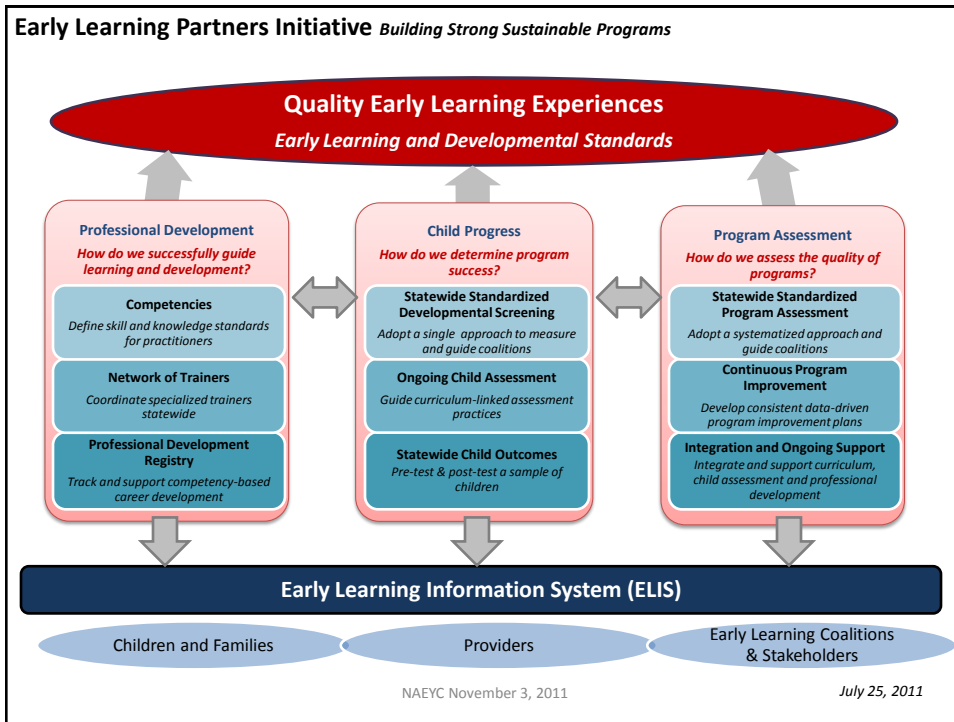
Grounded in Evidence-Based Research

“An effective early childhood assessment system must be part of a larger system with a strong infrastructure to support children’s care and education.”

(Early Childhood Assessment: Why, What, and How, 2008, p. 356)

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Definition

Screening “(including developmental and health screening) includes activities to identify children who *may* need further evaluation in order to determine the existence of a delay in development or a particular disability.”

(National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center:
Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment)

Why Screen?

- Detect delays early
- Improve child outcomes
- Recommended by
 - American Academy of Pediatrics
 - Head Start
 - Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program

Statutory Requirement

Florida Statutes-
§ 411.01(5)(c)2., F.S.

An age-appropriate screening of each
child's development.



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Role of the Agency

- Standardize the approach to screening statewide
- Purchase
 - a comprehensive, valid and reliable tool(s),
 - online data storage and reporting services,
 - and related training to implement the tool
- Using ARRA/Recovery Act funds

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Assn. of Early Learning Coalitions Recommended:

- Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™)
- Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: **Social-Emotional** (ASQ:SE)
- ASQ Online data reporting system—
ASQ Enterprise, ASQ Hub



Collaboration

- Coalition Survey for quantity, usage, and fidelity
- Brainstormed with Brookes Publishing Co. to create a state-wide delivery plan, seamless, distribution, and consistency in practice
- State-wide webinar
- Weekly meetings with publisher

Screening Project Activities

- Step 1: State and local policies are created, reviewed and released
- Step 2: Contract with Brookes signed
- Step 3: Screening materials ordered
- Step 4: Training delivered by vendor
- Step 5: Screening begins under revised/streamlined system
- Step 6: Data collection begins
- Step 7: 1st Technical Assistance call

Contract with Brookes Publishing Co.

- Three year term
- Provided ASQ-3™, ASQ:SE, and ASQ Online/Enterprise to Early Learning Coalitions (for children participating in the School Readiness Program)
- Provided training on the materials
- Provided an ASQ Hub to Florida's Office of Early Learning

Early Learning Coalition Developmental Screening Workgroup

A workgroup was created to guide the work based on local screening systems. The workgroup members agreed to

- Attend monthly conference calls.
- Develop recommendations for the project.
- Provide and guidance based on research, best practices, and available resources.

Service Delivery Model—Variations

Developmental screening for School Readiness children is accomplished through various service delivery models in Florida.

- “In-house”-coalition administers screening
- Contracted service provider
- Provider
- Parent

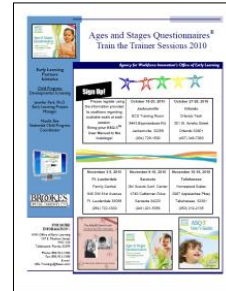
ASQ Training Sessions

Face to Face Training:

- Five training sessions were held in strategic locations throughout the state in October-November, 2011

Online Training:

- ASQ/Online-Enterprise webinars were provided by Brookes staff to share components of the system.



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ASQ Training Sessions

Florida ASQ Online/Enterprise Webinar Training

Webinar #1 ASQ Online Best Practices*

(*Please note: Webinar #1, ASQ Online Best Practices, is a prerequisite for all other webinars)

For: All Coalition and Contractor Staff

Description: This training will provide an overview of the ASQ Online Enterprise system. The overview will include important information on the basic functions and components of the ASQ Online Enterprise account and how to use them. Topics include:

- Program functionality: keycodes, system users & child and caregiver profiles
- Account functionality: system user rights & oversight
- Preview of Webinar #2, How to Manage Your Screening Program with ASQ Online
- Q&A

Dates:

- January 31, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 7, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 14, 1-2:30pm, EST

Webinar #2 How to Manage Your Screening Program with ASQ Online

For: All Coalition and Contractor Staff

Description: This training will provide detailed information on how to screen children using the ASQ Online Enterprise system according to the methods and frequency already used by your coalition. Topics include:

- Selecting a child for screening
- Distributing screening materials
- Entering screening results online
- Reviewing screening results
- Making a referral or follow-up decision
- Scheduling the next screening
- Q&A

Dates:

- February 3, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 10, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 17, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 24, 1-2:30pm, EST
- February 28, 1-2:30pm, EST

To register for each webinar, please visit <http://www.agesandstages.com/floridawebinars/index.htm> - registration will open January 26, 2011.

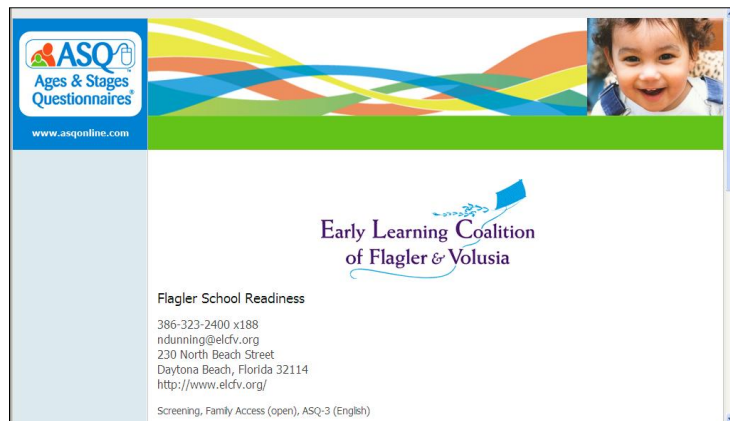
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Florida Screening-Local Success!

- ✓ **Pinellas**-The first coalition to use ASQ Online/Enterprise. Staff serve as mentors throughout state.
- ✓ **Sarasota**-Collaboratively screening **all** children in the county and sharing results with peds, OTs, SLPs.
- ✓ **Duval**-Community project that includes data for School Readiness children and children in one ASQ Online account.
- ✓ **Flagler/Volusia**-Using Family Access feature to administer screening throughout the service area.

Early Learning Coalition- Flagler/Volusia



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Screening, Family Access (open), ASQ-3 (English)

Ongoing Communication

- Monthly workgroup calls
- Florida Screening Social Media
(an idea sharing portal for coalition and contractor staff)
- Technical Assistance to coalition staff and contracted service providers

Quality Assurance

- **Fidelity of Trainings**
Ways to ensure the trainings are consistent based on the service delivery model of the local coalition
- **System Sustainability**
Ways to ensure the statewide system is strong, reliable, and implemented appropriately

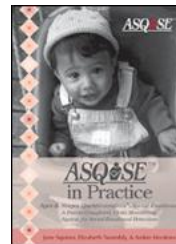
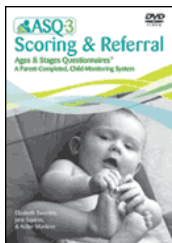
Questions?



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ASQ Resources



Ages & Stages Website

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