



Here We Grow!

Delaware's Developmental Screening Initiative

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Objectives

Participants will

1. Identify the history of Delaware's screening initiative prior to legislative changes.
2. Learn about how stakeholder and parent input were collected and used to drive legislative changes.
3. Understand current state of Delaware's screening initiative.
4. Discover how Delaware Department of Education is preparing for full implementation effective in 2023.
5. Learn how data and information from ASQ screening results is used to drive family outreach activities.



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Delaware History of the Use of the ASQ

Delaware's topography prior to 2013:

- DE's screening rates were one of the lowest in the country.
- Most districts were using the DIAL screening
- Screenings were completed by screening teams on paper
- No statewide system existed to collect results or recommendations
- Little or no communication between state agencies regarding screening



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Delaware History of the Use of the ASQ



Beginning to grow:

- Delaware Stars, our Quality Rating Improvement Scale (QRIS) - Developmental Screening as one of their many standards.
- 2013: Brookes ASQ-3 & ASQ:SE-2 Training of Trainers brought to DE.
- 2017-18: Screening became an essential standard for all Star Level 4 and 5 programs.
 - Required programs to use ASQ Online

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Delaware History of the Use of the ASQ

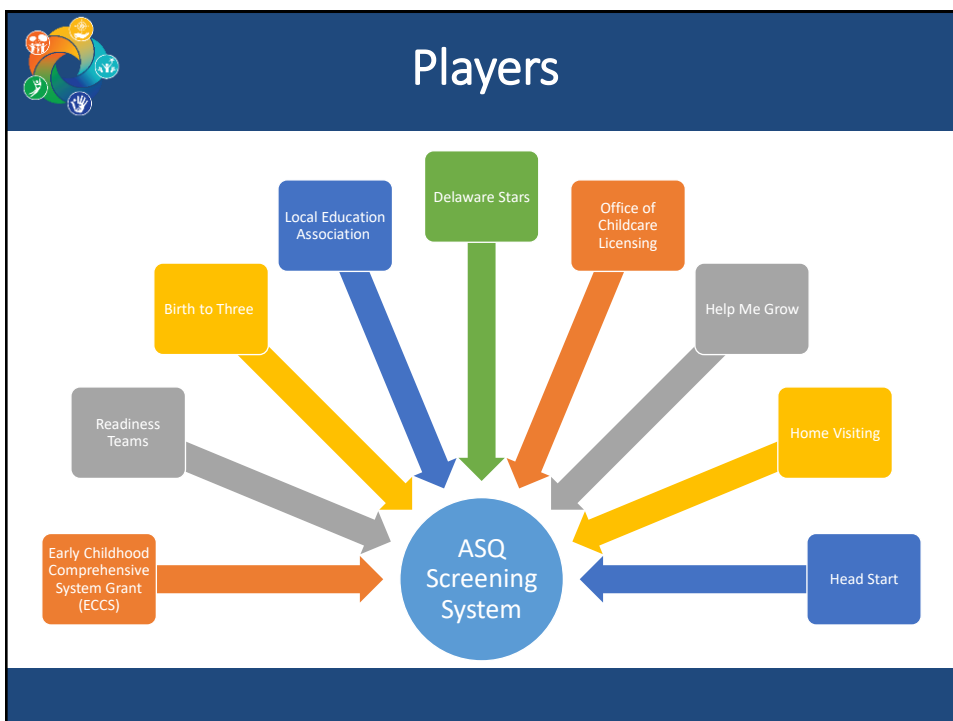
First implementation plan (2013-2019):

- Each early childhood program was responsible for:
 - Reviewing their own screenings.
 - Follow up with parents.
 - Supporting referrals to the appropriate agency.
- **Monitored by Delaware Stars (QRIS)**

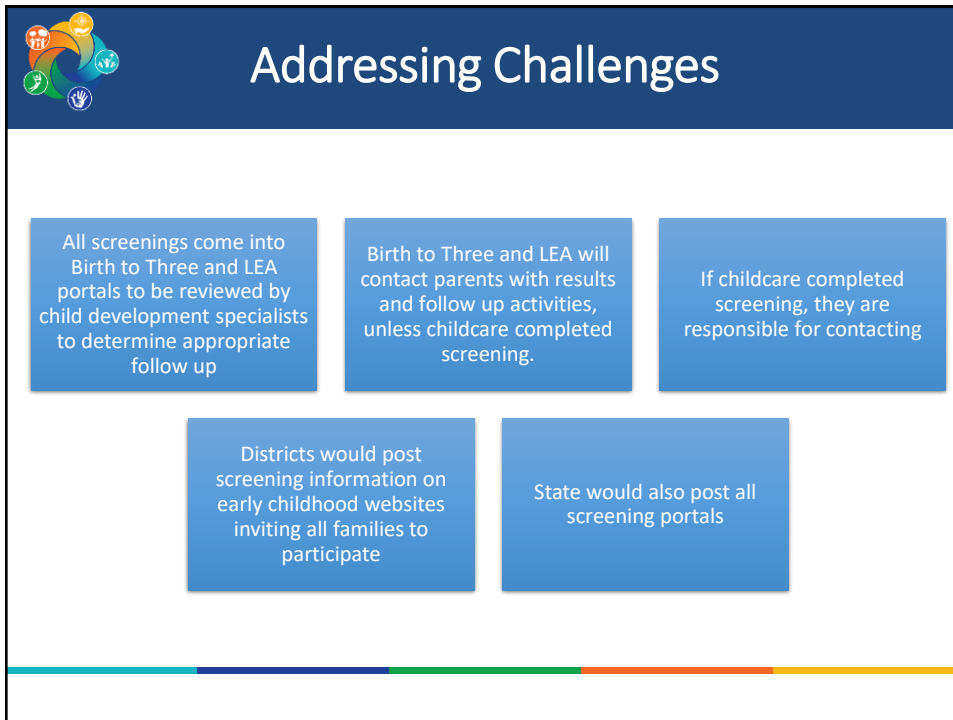
Monitored this initiative and found various challenges:

- DE children had limited access to screenings.
- Lack of communication and disconnect between childcares and referral agencies.
- Tracking referral data

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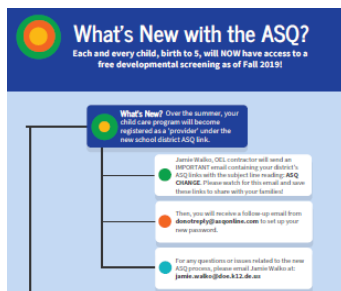
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Implementing the new system



Fall 2019

- Revised use of the online system implemented.
- Established ongoing monitoring system
- Planned to expand screening to all childcares
- Process would be refined as needed
- March 2020 Covid interrupted new process.

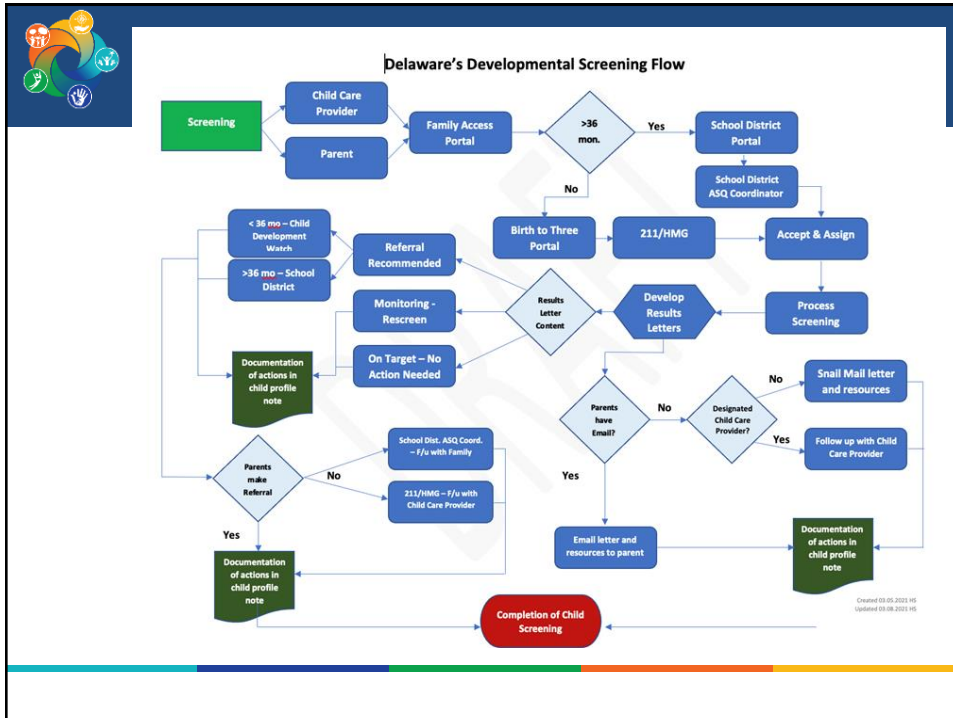
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During the Pandemic Year

- 7/1/2020 New technical assistant joined the project
- Continued to use revised system
- Continuing to enroll new providers
- Refined provider and reviewer manuals
- Updated resources on DOE Developmental Screening page
- Single point of registration for providers
- Collaboration with Birth to Three Early Intervention Program
- Provide welcome email with DOE produced screening resources
- Began Reviewer Community of Practice
- Supported LEAs to post developmental screening information on early childhood program websites

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Grass Roots Initiatives

Advocates raised concerns to local legislatures that despite DOE's efforts, not all children had access to developmental screenings.

Advocates also pushed for all licensed exempt programs to be licensed through OCCL requiring them to complete developmental screening.

Resulted in 2 bills passing:

HB 202 Developmental Screening Bill

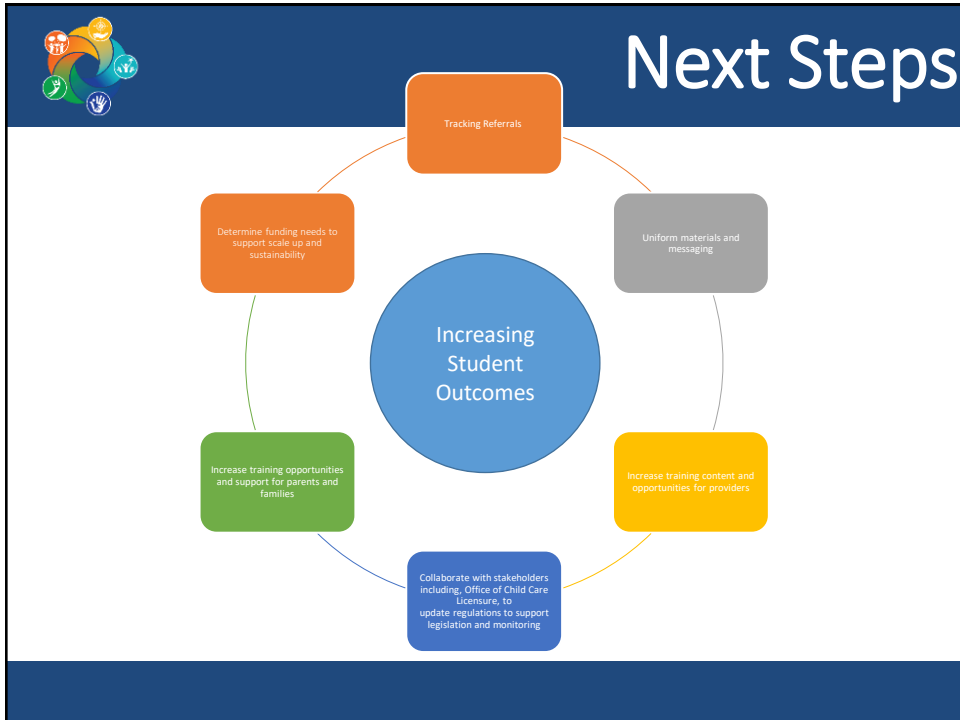
SB 169 Delaware Childcare Act

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- Houses the ASQ Online Enterprise account
- Fiscally responsible for Delaware's ASQ Enterprise Account
- Tasked with developing a statewide implementation plan to include all 1100+ licensed child cares
 - Approximately 300 child cares currently participate



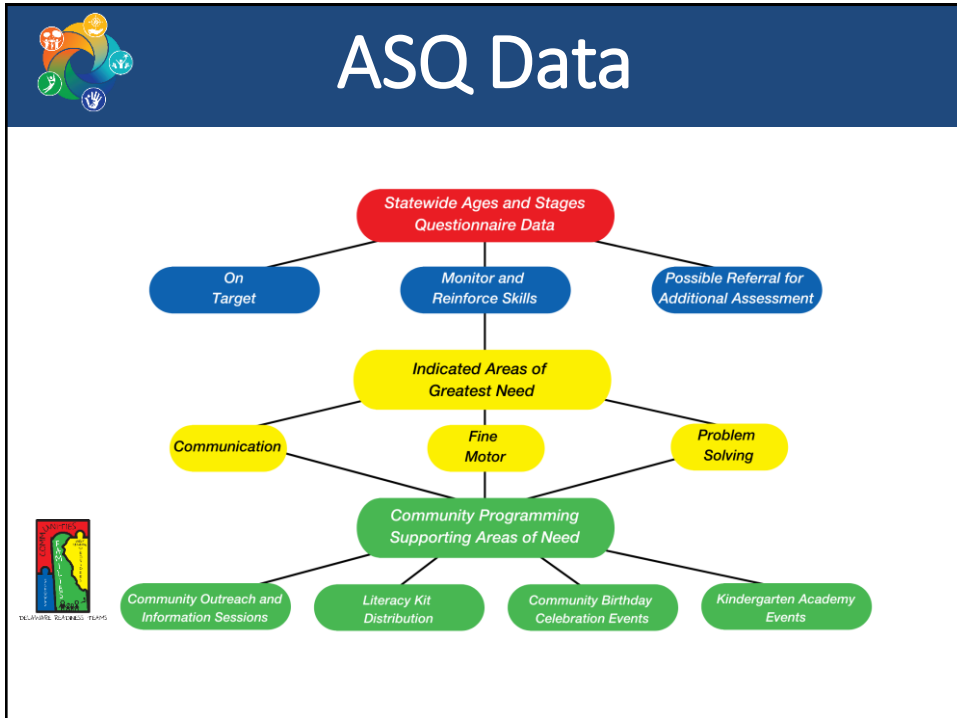
Getting Online, Reviewing Screenings, and Tracking All Referrals



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**Using ASQ Data to Support Community Events
Delaware Readiness Teams**

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Community Outreach and Information Sessions

The Readiness Equation: Ready Families + Ready Early Learning Providers + Ready Schools + Ready Communities = Ready Children

WHERE YOU KNOW... IT HELPS YOUR CHILD LEARN & GROW!
 START SCREENING TODAY USING A FREE AGES & STAGES QUESTIONNAIRE!
 Download CDC's FREE Milestone Tracker App


Kindergarten Readiness & Registration Campaign

Healthy Children & Developmental Screening Initiative


Family Empowerment Initiative

Advocacy
Family > Proposed Bills > Legislation

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Literacy Kits Supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library




B-3 Literacy Kit


Materials	Fine Motor	Communication	Problem Solving
Transportation Linking Blocks	Picking up pieces, linking pieces where color, taking pieces apart, putting pieces in a line or row	Matching pictures, repeating what they are doing, inserting in sentences, "What color is this?" "Red and blue!" "Red and blue!" "Red and blue!"	Sorting, making a simple pattern like red, blue, red, blue
Push Train	Grazing, playing, teasing	Playing Push a Box, following directions, describing the box, or using a simple one like "The box was so deep!"	Playing Hide-It-Back, following directions
Engineering Hat	Roll	Make wearing the hat a part of a reading routine	Wear the hat when trying a new topic, relating to the story, <i>The Little Engine That Could</i>
Chubby Crayons	Coloring, grasping, controlling motion of marks within the space of the paper	Describing colors used, describing "drawing"	Find a certain color

3-5 Literacy Kit



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Literacy Kits designed to relate to *The Little Engine that Could*, the first book received by all children who sign up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program.

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Community Birthday Celebration Events

- Separate celebrations for 1 & 2 year olds and 3 & 4 year olds
- Agency specific celebrations include "birthday bags" of developmental materials supporting indicated areas of need.
- Child-centered videos highlighting the materials and demonstrations of mindful use




SUMMER COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY BASH



Join us for a fun filled celebration of turning three. There will be an interactive story time and game activities. We will be using some of the items from your bag in the interactive game activities. Can't wait to see you there! Happy Birthday!!!

SEPT 11


REGISTER NOW FREE 10 a.m.




Community Birthday Bash





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Kindergarten Academy Events





About	Geared toward children who will be five years old on or before August 31 of the coming school year
Materials	Interactive, child-centered activities focused on each learning domain
Previous Sessions	All sessions are recorded and can be found on our website at delawarereadinessteam.com

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