



## Coos Watch Me Grow Project

The Coos Watch Me Grow Project is a collaborative effort created to support universal developmental screening using the ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE for children 0-6 in Coos County. The goal of Coos Watch Me Grow is to provide Coos families access to developmental information and developmental screening in order to detect and treat developmental delays in growth and social /emotional behaviors as early as possible. Earlier detection of delays improves the opportunity for successful interventions and treatment and leads to better outcomes.

## Protocols for developmental screening for children 0-6 using the ASQ-3

### Use of the ASQ-3

- All screeners must be trained in the use of the ASQ-3 and must have an ASQ-3 binder with a “Quick Start Guide”
  - Screeners must make it clear that the ASQ-3 is a screening tool which can give an indication of how their child is doing compared to other children that age. It is not an assessment tool. The ASQ-3 screen cannot diagnose a problem. If there is a concern picked up by the ASQ-3, the family will need to go somewhere else for further assessment and treatment.
- Coos Watch Me Grow Project (WGM) participants are encouraged to use the ASQ-3 at 6,12,18,24, 36, 48 and 60 months
  - Children can be screened at any age if there is a concern or the family requests the screening but we are trying to identify a set screening time in order to have more consistent data
- Parents should be encouraged to do the ASQ-3 screening with their child
  - The WGM staff person is there for support, questions and encouragement
  - The ASQ-3 should be used as a way to build a parent’s understanding of their child’s age appropriate development

### Referral if ASQ-3 scores in the grey or black area

- Once the screening is scored, If a **child 0-3** falls in the grey or black area (**the grey/black areas suggest a possible developmental delay**) on the ASQ-3, the family should be referred to **Family Centered Early Supports and Services (FCESS)-**
  - **Intake Coordinator Coos/ Northern Grafton:**  
Chasity Labonville 603-837-9547, ext. 1223  
Cell: 603-662-9661  
FAX: 603-837-9061  
[clabonville@northernhs.org](mailto:clabonville@northernhs.org)

- Every child referred to FCESS will receive an evaluation from FCESS
- All families should also be given the option of referral to a **family support organization** for support:
  - **Colebrook-** Ann Marie Smith, Child and Family Services 237-4884  
Arlene Kelsey, Family Resource Center 723-1647
  - **Lancaster** Sue Chancey, Weeks Medical Center 788-5094  
Sue Mullins, Family Resource Center 466-9010
  - **Berlin/Gorham**  
Sue Watson, Family Resource Center 466-9011
- If the child does not meet the FCESS criteria for services they will receive a community resource package and automatically be referred to the nearest family support program at the exit interview (see above).
- If a **child aged 3-6** falls in the grey/black area the family should be referred to the Special Education Department of the local **school system** for follow up and to the Family Support program for support.
  - The family (with support from the referring organization) must call the school themselves
  - The special education team will then set a time to meet with the family to decide if a formal assessment or referral is warranted
    - The family should bring the results of the ASQ screening to that meeting
    - If no assessment is needed the family will be referred back to a family support program (see above).

### Signed Consent to Share information

- Each family with a child being screened will be asked to sign a consent to share the ASQ information with the Coos WMG project partners
  - A Family may select which organizations they do not want the information shared with
  - The Family may choose **not** to sign the form and then the information will not be shared
  - A Family who chooses not to share any information will receive the same services as all other families
- Results of all ASQ's will be sent to the family's PCP –with the Family's permission
- Every family should receive a copy of the ASQ and should be encouraged to keep these copies in a folder

## Data Collection

- Information for each screening performed must be tracked on the State Watch Me Grow data form (on paper or electronically)
  - Each child must be documented with 3 initials-if there is no middle initial put an "X "as the middle initial
  - If the last name is hyphenated use the first initial of the first last name
  - The birth date MUST be included
- Screening information must be collected on a monthly basis and sent to:
  - Gina Belanger
  - Family Resource Center @ Gorham
  - 123 Main Street
  - Gorham, NH 03581
  - [Gina.Belanger@frcberlin-gorham.org](mailto:Gina.Belanger@frcberlin-gorham.org)

## Protocols for social /emotional screening for children 0-6 using the ASQ-SE

### Use of the ASQ-SE

- All screeners must be trained in the use of the ASQ-SE and must have an ASQ-SE binder
  - Screeners must make it clear that the ASQ-SE is a screening tool which can give an indication of how their child is doing socially/emotionally compared to other children that age. It is not an assessment tool. The ASQ-SE screen cannot diagnose a problem. If there is a concern picked up by the ASQ-SE, the family will need to go somewhere else for further assessment and treatment.
- Coos Watch Me Grow Project (WMG) participants are encouraged to do the ASQ-3 in conjunction with the ASQ-SE at 12, 24, 36,48 and 60 months
  - Children can be screened at any age if there is a concern or the family requests the screening but we are trying to identify a set screening time in order to have more consistent data
- Parents should be encouraged to do the ASQ-SE screening with their child
  - The WMG staff person is there for support, questions and encouragement
  - The ASQ-SE should be used as a way to build a parent's understanding of their child's age appropriate development

### Referral if ASQ-SE score is ABOVE the cut off

- If the **ASQ-SE for a child aged 0-3 falls above the cut off (cut off number indicates a concern to be followed up)** the family should be referred to Family Centered Early Supports and Services:
 

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- If the **ASQ-SE for a child aged 3-6 falls above the cut off (cut off number indicates a concern to be followed up)** the family should be given the choice to be referred to the local family support program or Northern Human Services for further follow up.
 

Family Support Programs:

▪ <b>Colebrook-</b>	Anne Marie, Smith Child and Family Services 237-4884 Arlene Kelsey, Family Resource Center	723-1647
▪ <b>Lancaster</b>	Sue Chancey, Weeks Medical Center 788-5094 Sue Mullins, Family Resource Center	466-9010



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