

Books, Balls, & Blocks!



Books, Balls, and Blocks is a free and fun community screening event for children (ages 0-5) and families. It is comprised of volunteer-led activity stations in which children can engage in developmentally appropriate play while their parents complete an ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 screening.

HISTORY:

- Community outreach component of the HMGF model
- Concept and application was created by HMG Utah
- Implementation in Florida began in 2016



MATERIALS:

(Provided to affiliates from the State Coordinating Office)

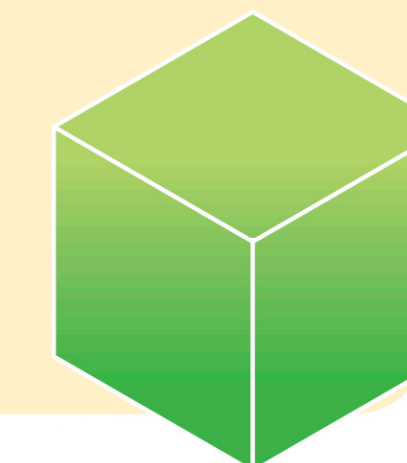
2 Activity kits

- Specialized kits with developmentally appropriate educational products and learning activities

1 Screening kit:

- ASQ Screening tools (separated by age group and/or language)
- Event signs
- Clipboards

iPads for ASQ Online screenings



EVENTS:

- Event is set-up with a sign-in/registration table, activity stations, resource table, and tables for community partners/agencies
- Volunteers lead and interact with children at activity stations
- Parents complete the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 while children are playing
- Professionals score the ASQ screenings, onsite or offsite
- Parents receive follow-up from HMG Care Coordinators to discuss screening results and to receive resources/referrals concerning their child's development



PURPOSE:

Developmental Delay Detection:

Children participate in the event while their parents complete an ASQ-3 screener. Parents have an opportunity to observe and evaluate their child's development.

Parent Education:

Parents can engage in the activities to experience appropriate developmental play with their children. Parents can participate in the activities with their children and get ideas for how to play at home. A resource table with information on child development and community services is also available.

Community Engagement:

Volunteers from the community and various sponsoring agencies are crucial to a successful Books, Balls, and Blocks screening event. Volunteers from the community offer their time to engage in and increase awareness of appropriate child development. Parents are not only referred to agencies and services to address the developmental concerns they have for their children, but they are also linked to other resources in the community they might need.



EVENT DATA:

2016-PRESENT:

24+
screening
events

411+
screenings
completed

119+
screenings resulted
in a concern or
need for monitoring



CURRENT:

16
screening events
occurred so far
this fiscal year

10
(out of 11)
of our affiliates are
participating this
fiscal year

at least
9
more screening
events planned
to occur this
fiscal year

24
iPads are being
utilized for
screenings
at BBB events