



Help Me Grow Vermont

Realizing the Promise of Every Vermont Child

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Developmental Screening Training

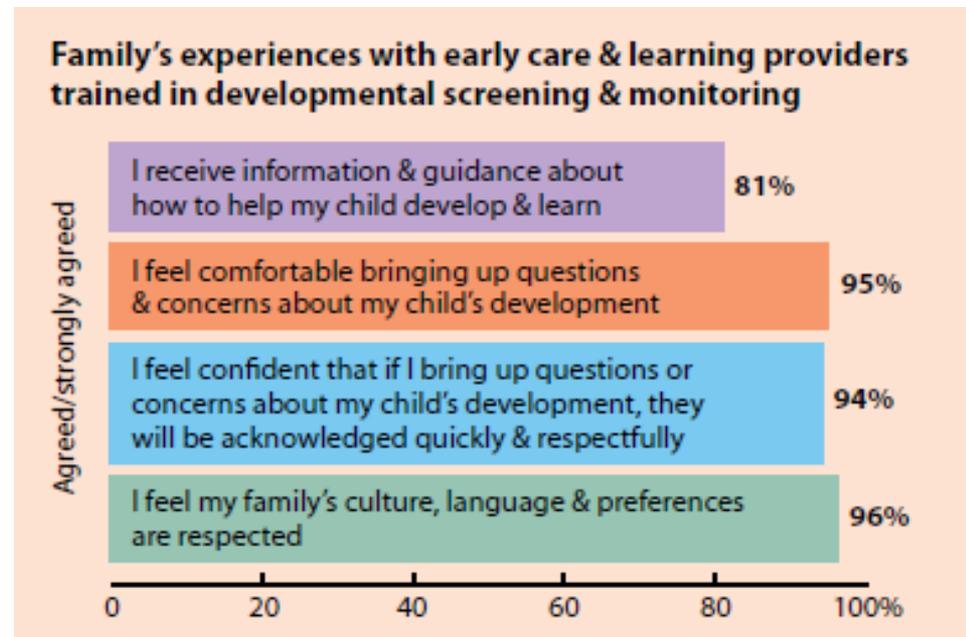
- Train regional cohorts & include cross sector providers
- HMG as communication vehicle for sharing screening results across sectors
- Elevate work of early learning providers
- HMG endorses Vermont's Guiding Principles
- Find Vermont's developmental and behavioral screening guidelines at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/providers/developmental-screening-for-young-children>

of EL Providers Trained



Key Findings

- Over **200** providers are using the registry, including EL, health care and community service providers, public school districts, Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- HMG supported a quality improvement trained over **603** EL providers and reached **5,270** children between 2014-2018. These providers surveyed **768** parents about their experience with the screening.



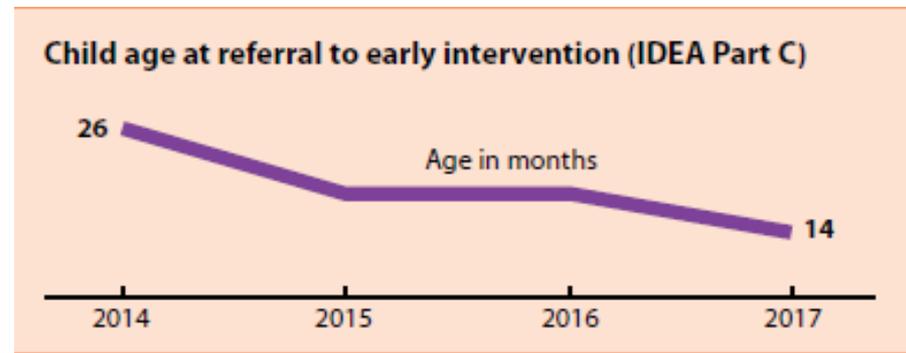
Providers Value Family Engagement

Why is ASQ valuable to your program?	See ASQ Value for more details	n=68	
	Family communication/relationship	29	43%
	See if child is on track/understand child	10	15%
	Find out things that need to be addressed early	16	24%
	Establish baseline	6	9%
	Classroom/curriculum planning	3	4%
	Other	6	9%

Improvements in family communication/relationship was most frequently cited reason early learning providers valued conducting developmental screening in their program.

Key Findings: Earlier Age of Referral for Early Intervention

- HMG trained **625** early care and learning, health care and community service providers, and educators to use developmental and behavioral screening tools and to refer families for further evaluation and services.
- As a result of training and outreach in 2018, there was an **89%** increase in calls and referrals to the HMG centralized access point.



Early identification has improved!

Value of ASQ in Vermont ECE Settings

“The screening can be done through observation in the classroom or home environment. The language used in the tool makes it easy for parents to comprehend. We find this screening tool very user friendly and very easy for the parents to fill out and understand. The ASQ is a helpful conversation starter with families”

“In addition to my experience and knowledge as an early childhood educator, it's good to have the black and white document to confirm any questions about age appropriate development.

“It is a universal screening that everyone does so it carries no stigma and is a jumping off point for further discussions.”