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Hello Parents and Guardians!

Parkland Family Day Home Agency holds an ongoing interest in understanding and encouraging the growth and development of our children in care, and improving the quality of care and programming provided within our day homes. The ASQ (Ages and Stages) screening and monitoring program allows us to gauge the growth and learning of the children in our care, and provides families and Educators with the tools necessary to facilitate their development.

The ASQ-3 is a set of screening questionnaires pertaining to children's development, and has been used for more than 20 years to make sure children are developing well. A screening provides a quick look at how children are doing in important areas, such as communication, physical ability, social skills, and problem-solving skills. They allow opportunity to celebrate milestones, while addressing any concerns as early as possible. Here is a brief description of the five developmental areas screened with ASQ-3: **communication**: your child's language skills, both what your child understands and what he or she can say; **gross motor**: how your child uses his or her arms and legs and other large muscles for sitting, crawling, walking, running, and other activities; **fine motor**: your child's hand and finger movement and coordination; **problem solving**: how your child plays with toys and solves problems; **personal-social**: your child's self-help skills and interactions with others. The ASQ-3 may be completed with children between the ages of 1 month old, up to and including 5½ years old.

The **ASQ:SE-2** is a set of questionnaires about behavior and social-emotional growth in young children. The ASQ:SE has been used by parents and caregivers for more than 15 years, and can help identify your child's social-emotional strengths, and areas where your child may need support. There are nine questionnaires available to screen children ranging in age from 1 month to 6 years old.

As an Agency, we not only invite you to complete the Ages and Stages questionnaires, but we also encourage our Educators to complete the same questionnaires for each child in their care. The results of the Educator completed questionnaires will be shared with both you, and your Child Care Educator. The information gathered will be used by your Educator to improve children's programming and environments to ensure quality development. Twice a year, invitations are sent to both Educators and families to participate in this wonderful program!