

# ASQ3 Rollout

## What is changing and why?

- The Healthy Beginnings system will begin using the ASQ3 for developmental screening as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. The use of this new version is in conjunction with the State of Florida's Office of Early Learning's launch of this new tool.
- The key changes with this version of the screening tool are (1) the cut-off scores have been modified and (2) additional questionnaires have been added for 2 and 9 months.

## How will this affect you?

- The ASQ3 scoring has been modified to include a new monitoring zone. When scores fall into this area, learning activities should be provided and a rescreen scheduled with the family at the next developmental interval. This new scoring will allow for better tracking of children's development for both parents and providers.
- For questionnaires in which a child scores in the monitoring zone, it is an opportunity for providers to explain to parents that their child appears to be developing on schedule but might benefit from practicing skills in a specific area of development.
- Learning activities are to be delivered in manner consistent with the activities prescribed by ASQ-3. Providers have the flexibility to determine the settings in which these activities are offered.
- **Effective October 1, 2011** Bridges will be offering ASQ-3 monitoring zone activities to parents and children that reside in the ten (10) Bridges communities as well as offering rescreens at the appropriate intervals.

## Tips to Engage Families:

- **An invaluable parent education tool.** With questionnaire items linked to developmental milestones, ASQ-3 helps teach parents about child development and their own child's skills.
- **Captures parents' in-depth knowledge.** Because ASQ-3 questionnaires are completed by the caregivers who know the child best, they get the most accurate results and save time, and parents become an integral part of the screening process.
- **Strengths based.** ASQ-3 questionnaires reveal a child's strengths as well as areas of concern, so it's easier to develop a rapport with parents and share results.
- **"Any child, anytime" screening** with expanded administration windows—accurately screen any child from 1–66 months without any gaps between the questionnaire age intervals.
- **Flexible screening anywhere.** Parents can complete ASQ-3 questionnaires at home, in a waiting room, during a home visit, or as part of an in-person or phone interview.
- The ASQ3 also **allows for reliable screenings** of infants as young as 1 month with the addition of the 2 month questionnaire.