# Early Care and Education Providers: Completing the ASQ using Ohio's Sparkler Dashboard

Help Me Grow offers the Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) via the Sparkler Learning web-based dashboard to Ohio's early care and education (ECE) providers and the families they serve. The ASQ can help with understanding how an individual child is developing and whether there are any concerns. This screening can identify a child's strengths, uncover new milestones to celebrate, and reveal any areas where a child may need support. After completing a screening, a Help Me Grow Developmental Screening Specialist can provide referrals to early intervention and home visiting as well as connections to local resources and services.



# FREE for all Ohio families and providers

With financial barriers removed, parents are more likely to use the screener, and providers can allocate resources more effectively.



## Meets the latest SUTQ requirements

The screening tool meets all three tiers of Ohio's revised Learning and Development quality rating standards.



## Digital portal streamlines the process

Paperwork is eliminated, reducing the administrative burden, saving time, and increasing accuracy.



#### Automatic screening reminders

Timely reminders increase parent participation rates and allow for more efficient use of staff time and resources.



## Immediate access to centralized data

Providers can easily access screening results, customizable reports, referrals, and developmental activities.

This guide will help you navigate the Sparkler Dashboard for providers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email <a href="mailto:asg@helpmegrow.org">asg@helpmegrow.org</a>. The information provided includes:

- 1. What is the Sparkler Dashboard?
- 2. Getting started with Sparkler
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### What is the Sparkler Dashboard?

Sparkler's web-based dashboard is where partner organizations can track connected families who are using the Sparkler:Play for Parenting app. The dashboard can be accessed from a web browser on a desktop computer, laptop, or tablet. Through this online portal, you can:

- ✓ View parent completed ASQ and scores
- Download customized reports to share with families
- ✓ Complete the free ASQ online screener
- ✔ Follow a child's developmental progress
- ✓ Access the play-based activities library
- ✓ Send and receive messages



#### Getting started with Sparkler:

- 1. Watch this 10-minute Sparkler Provider Introduction video
- 2. Sign the Sponsoring Partner Personal Information Protection Policy
- 3. Complete the Sparkler Program Partner Form
- 4. Create a <u>Sparkler account</u> by following the directions emailed to you upon form submissions in Steps 2 and 3. Your initial login password will be provided.
- 5. Advertise your program's unique Access Code and/or QR code and encourage families to download the Sparkler:Play for Parenting app and register their child(ren)
  - Parents will complete a consent to share information with your program when entering your program's unique code
- 6. Consider sharing Sparkler Activity Booklets (a resource found within the <u>Digital Toolkit</u>) with families which have been designed to preview what families can find within the Sparkler: Play for Parenting app

#### **Using the Sparkler Dashboard:**

The Sparkler Dashboard allows providers to view screening results for ASQs completed by families, complete ASQ screenings for children in your program, view referrals/resources that were shared with families by a Help Me Grow Developmental Screening Specialist, access the Sparkler library and share play-based activities and parenting tips directly with families connected to your program.

- Watch this 4 minute <u>Welcome to Sparkler's Dashboard</u> video
- Log onto Sparkler's <u>web-based dashboard</u> using a modern web browser like Chrome, Safari or Firefox
- Sign in with your email and password

## Sparkler's Dashboard for Providers

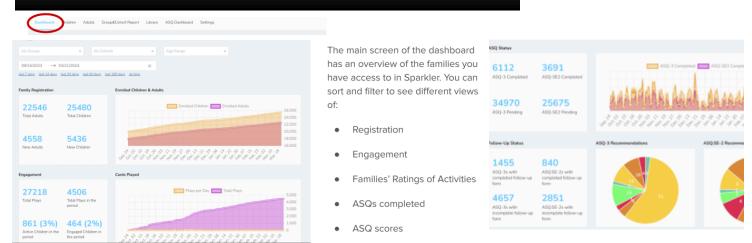


Providers sign into the dashboard here:

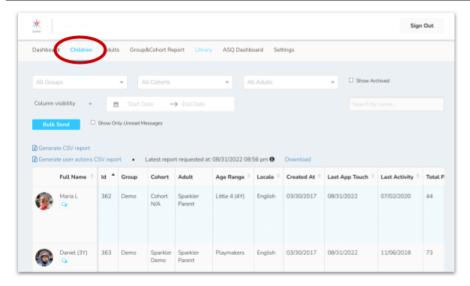
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Navigate using the tabs across the top

## Main Screen of Dashboard: Overview of YOUR Program

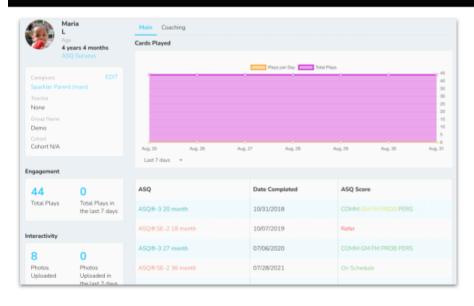


## "Children" Tab Allows Programs to Monitor and Engage



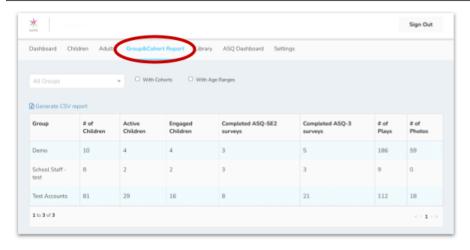
The "Children" tab allows people with Dashboard access to see summary information about the children in their group and send/receive messages to the families they support.

## Click In: See a Child's History of ASQs and Engagement



Clicking into a child's profile from the main "Child" page allows you to see the child's history of ASQ screenings and play/engagement. From here, you can also send/receive messages with the parent/caregiver under "coaching."

## "Groups & Cohort" Tab Provide a Program-Level Summary

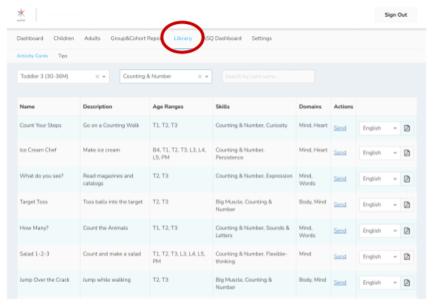


The "Groups&Cohorts Report" allows program administrators to see summary information for multiple classrooms or groups at once:

- Number of children enrolled per group
- Number of completed
   ASQ:SE-2 and ASQ-3 per group
- Number of play activities completed per group

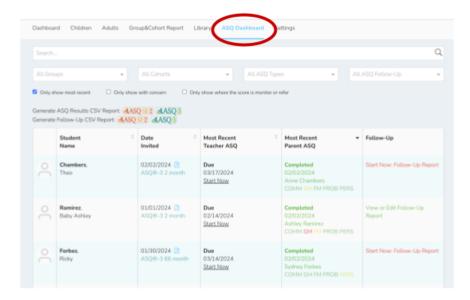
## "Library" Tab Provides Searchable Play-Based Activities

From Sparkler's Library, you can search by age, skill, or keyword to find play activities or parent tips that can address a parent's concern. You can download them in all available languages and then send them (as a push notification) to families.





## "ASQ Dashboard" Tab is the Dashboard's Screening Hub



From the ASQ Dashboard, you can:

- Complete ASQ screenings
- · View families' responses and scores
- · Click to see parents' concerns
- Download family-facing ASQ reports
- Send ASQ results directly to families
- Download spreadsheets
- See historical results
- Sort and filter

### Completing Screenings for Children Linked in your Dashboard:

You can complete a screening for any child connected with your program on the Sparkler Dashboard.

- 1. Log onto Sparkler's web-based dashboard
- 2. Enter your username and password
- 3. Use the menu options at the top to navigate to the ASQ Dashboard
- 4. Select the child you want to screen by searching by name
- 5. Click 'Start Now' located in the third column title Most Recent Teacher ASQ
- Once you click submit, you will receive an automated coaching message. Reply back to the coaching
  message to indicate if you would like to receive a call from a Help Me Grow to review results and
  discuss referral options.
  - If you selected this option, a Help Me Grow Developmental Screening Specialist will be in contact soon!

### Completing Screenings for Children Not Linked in your Dashboard:

You can complete a screening for a child in your program on the Sparkler Dashboard even if the family is not connected with your program through their Sparkler app.

- 1. Obtain written consent to screen from the parent(s) of the child you would like to complete an ASQ for. A sample consent form can be found within the FAQs on the <u>ASQ Provider page</u>.
- 2. Log onto Sparkler's web-based dashboard
- 3. Enter your username and password
- 4. Use the menu options at the top to navigate to the Administration tab
- 5. Click on Your Families
- 6. Click Add New Family
- 7. Enter the Parent and Child information
  - a. If adding more than one child, click + Add Child to add additional children to the family
- 8. Click Save
  - a. An email will be sent to the parent/caregiver to activate their account. In the meantime, you are now able to complete a screening!
- 9. The child should now be visible on your dashboard. Follow the steps above: 'Completing Screenings for Children Linked in your Dashboard'

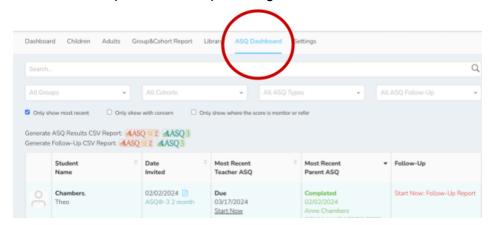
## When a Family Completes an ASQ Screening on Sparkler: Play for Parenting App:

- 1. Once a family submits an ASQ, the screening is immediately scored and the report is available for you to view on the ASQ Dashboard tab
- 2. A Help Me Grow Developmental Screening Specialist will contact the family within 2 business days to discuss results and offer referrals/resources
  - a. A Follow-Up Report will be completed so that you can view any referrals/resources provided to the family (see 'Viewing ASQ Follow-Up Report' below)
  - b. You know your families best! Providers are also welcome to communicate results with the family by phone call, at a parent/teacher conference or during a home visit, ect.
- 3. The family will receive a reminder on their app dashboard when the next age-interval screening is available

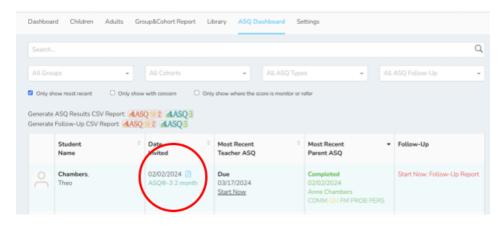
## **Accessing ASQ Screening Results:**

After you or the family submits a screening, you can immediately view a child's results on the dashboard

- 1. Log onto Sparkler's web-based dashboard
- 2. Enter your username and password
- 3. Use the menu options at the top to navigate to the ASQ Dashboard



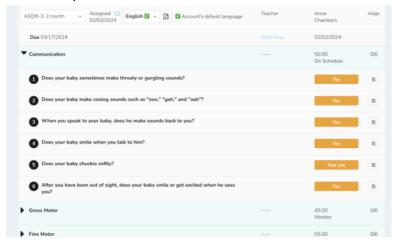
4. Select the child you want to view results by searching by name and clicking on the blue icon with a triangle inside located in the second column title Date Invited. A PDF report will be generated.



#### The report will include:

- a. The child's score for both parent and teacher (if applicable) in each of the developmental domains
- b. Suggested activities to promote growth for each developmental domain
- c. Upcoming milestones
- d. Individual responses to each question on the screener

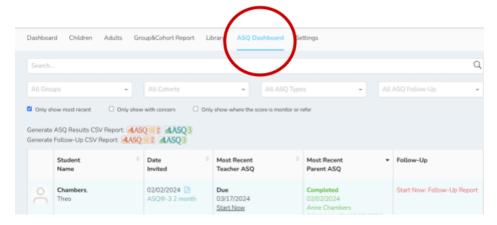
5. If you want a quick view of screening results without viewing the summary report, you can click on the child's name (instead of clicking on the blue icon). You can then use the drop down arrows to expand each domain.



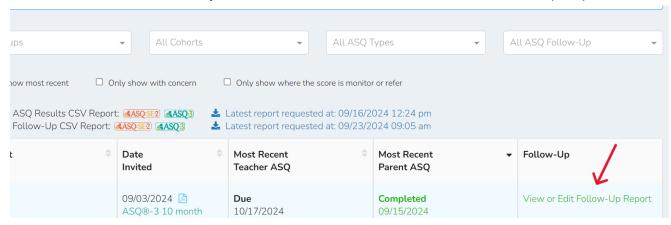
## **Viewing ASQ Follow-Up Report:**

After sharing screening results with the family, the Developmental Screening Specialist will complete a *Follow-Up* report.

- 1. Log onto Sparkler's web-based dashboard
- 2. Enter your username and password
- 3. Use the menu options at the top to navigate to the ASQ Dashboard



4. Search for and select the child you want to view results. Click 'View or Edit Follow-Up Report"



## 5. Follow-Up Report notes:

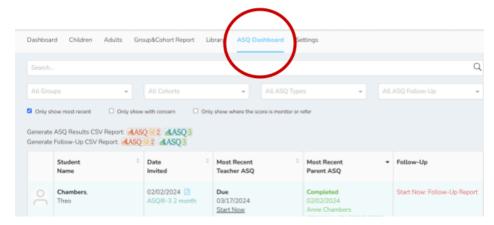
- a. When results were shared with the family
- b. Referrals that were made (ex: Home Visiting, Early Intervention, Preschool Special Education)
- c. Local resources/services that were shared with the family

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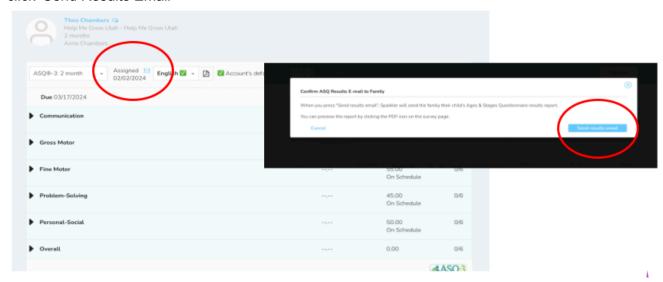
### **Resending Family-Friendly Summary Report to Families:**

After sharing screening results verbally with a family, the Developmental Screening Specialist will release the Summary Results report. The family will receive a secure link via their email to view and/or download the report. Providers can resend the report to a family at any time.

- 1. Log onto Sparkler's web-based dashboard
- 2. Enter your username and password
- 3. Use the menu options at the top to navigate to the ASQ Dashboard



4. Search by name and select the child you want to send results to. Click the blue envelope icon and then click 'Send Results Email'



### Helping Families Get Started on the Sparkler: Play for Parenting App:

- 1. Provide families with your program's unique access code. A sample *Sparkler Family Letter* can be found within the <u>ASQ Digital Toolkit</u> for providers. Programs can customize this letter with their code.
- 2. Encourage families to register for a Sparkler account:
  - Download the <u>Sparkler: Play for Parenting</u> app on an iOS or Android smartphone or tablet
  - b. Open the app and taping "Create a New Account"
    - 1. Families choose how they want to set up the account (Facebook, Google or email address)
  - c. Enter your program's unique Access Code

## When a parent signs up for Sparkler, they enter an Access Code to link with YOU!

- This lets you see them in the dashboard.
- This lets the family see the messages/content you send to them in their Sparkler app.



- d. Follow the steps to create a "Parent Account" (enter email, password, name, address, zip code and phone number)
- e. Follow the steps to "Add a Child" (name, date of birth)
- f. Review sponsoring partners privacy statement and consent form
- 3. Families can complete the ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 right on their phone or tablet
- 4. FERPA certified parents consent to share their children's information with you when they sign up for Sparkler and link with your program
- 5. Share Sparkler Activity Booklets with families in your program



## **Ways to Partner with Families:**

- Complete together with parents/caregivers at Parent/Teacher conferences.
- o Hold an ASQ Family Night and provide activity stations with manipulatives for the ASQ.
- o Incorporate ASQ screening into your Back-to-School Night.
- o Set up an ASQ station in a quiet corner of your building with an iPad and ASQ materials.
- o Bring a smart device and ASQ materials on home visits.