

# Welcome to the Universal Developmental Screening Advisory Committee Meeting

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Section of Women's, Children's & Family Health



# Meeting Purpose and Outcome

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The purpose of the Universal Developmental Screening Advisory Committee is to bring key stakeholders together to ensure that all children and their caregivers have access to developmental screening in Alaska. The Advisory Committee will accomplish this through:

- a) Streamlining efforts to maximize efficiency
- b) Coordinating data sharing
- c) Ensuring access to training on developmental screening and screening tools for all voluntary or mandated screeners, including early childhood education, home visitors and health care providers
- d) Providing stakeholder input on the statewide ASQ Online system
- e) Increasing family-focused education on developmental screening

# Agenda

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- Advisory Committee Introductions
- Status of Developmental Screening Efforts During COVID
- Recent Accomplishments
- Current Barriers
- UDSAC Workgroup Proposal
- Next Steps

# Advisory Committee Introductions

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In the chat box, please type in your name, role/position, and your favorite winter activity.

Example: Emily Urlacher, ECCS Program Manager with Women's, Children's & Family Health, backcountry (Nordic) ice skating

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# UDSAC Member Recent Accomplishments

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- ❖ Alaska's CDC Act Early Team
- ❖ Any other accomplishments to share?

# Current Barriers/Challenges

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- ❖ Are any participants on the UDSAC looking for assistance or partnership related to developmental screening efforts?

# UDSAC Workgroup Proposal

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THE UDSAC WILL REVIEW THE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION OUTCOMES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING, AS WELL AS THE NEW UDSAC WORKGROUP PROPOSALS





# Presenters

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Carol Prentice, Prentice Consulting

Emily Urlacher, Program Manager, Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) Program Manager, Dept. of Health and Social Services (DHSS)

Carmen Wenger, Program Director, Help Me Grow Alaska



# Group 1 – Increasing family-focused education on developmental screening

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## Potential Topics

- Organized and unified outreach efforts
- Coordinating with *Learn the Signs, Act Early* grant team to disseminate new culturally functional tools when they are complete
- Overcoming the negative stigma associated the term “screener,” or “screening”

# Group 1 – Increasing family-focused education on developmental screening

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## Additional Issues/Questions

- Funding – financial support for outreach efforts to families
- Types of outreach
- Unified messaging
- How to frame developmental screening as a strength-based tool

# Group 2 – Ensuring access to training on developmental screening and screening tools

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## Potential Topics

- Training of the “unusual suspects”
- Leveraging current state/online opportunities to train professionals
- Communication with other stakeholders to share additional training resources statewide
- Unified standards for training?

# Group 2 – Ensuring access to training on developmental screening and screening tools

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## Additional Issues/Questions

- Do we have adequate training resources to support the workforce in the state?
- Which provider types do we need to target for additional training resources, and what types of resources are needed?
- For which groups do adequate resources exist, and raising awareness/linking to resources is needed?

# Group 3 — Providing stakeholder input on the statewide ASQ Online system

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## Potential Topics

- Identifying current problems/barriers in ASQ Online system
- Maximizing the potential for the ASQ Online system
- Exploring structures for the ASQ Online that best meets Alaska's needs
- Incorporating early care and learning programs into the system
- Securing ongoing funding for the ASQ Online system
- Exploring ways the ASQ Online system can be proactively managed

# Group 3 — Providing stakeholder input on the statewide ASQ Online system

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## Additional Issues/Questions

- Connecting families to needed resources and referrals
- Exploring the issue of duplicate screenings with data workgroup
- Researching data sharing agreements with data workgroup

# Group 4 — Coordinate Data Sharing

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## Potential Topics

- Explore the extent of duplicate screening issue and make recommendations
- Research data sharing agreements and implement if feasible
- Include agencies outside of statewide ASQ Online system at statewide level



# Group 4 — Coordinate Data Sharing

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## Additional Issues/Questions

- Discovering which agencies are screening and including their data
- Piloting a data sharing agreement between agencies in a selected community
- Analyze data to discover patterns of duplicate screenings

# Group 5 – Streamlining efforts to maximize efficiency

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Potential Topics

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Additional Issues/Questions

# Next Steps

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1. Workgroup Survey
2. Workgroup Doodle Polls

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