

# EXPANSION UPDATE

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## Getting to Know



Ohio's Help Me Grow program this week launches Sparkler, a new platform for families and providers (early care and education, schools, medical) to be able to complete developmental screenings and share the results and resources with each other.

Parents can use their mobile device to:

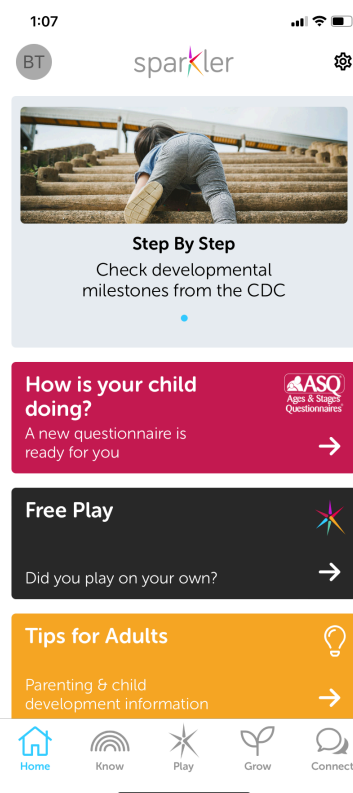
- Download the *Sparkler: Play for Parenting* app
- Create an account
- Add one or more children
- Complete free ASQs with their child
- Share the screening results with their child's providers
- Access age-appropriate activities to foster growth and development
- Get parenting tips
- Upload pictures to their Sparkler account that can "scrapbook" a child's progress and help parents see that what they're doing day to day is having an impact on their child's development

Providers who are working with families and choose to or are requested to complete developmental screenings to meet compliance standards (such as Step Up to Quality) can become a PROGRAM PARTNER. As a program partner, you can:

- Get access to a Sparkler dashboard specific to your program
- Share an assigned program code with your families and gain access to their child's screening results
- Print screenings completed by families linked to your program
- Message with families
- Share play-based activities
- Meet the developmental screening requirement of Ohio's revised Learning & Development quality rating standard

Find more about becoming a program partner and support for using Sparkler at [helpmegrow.org/asqproviders](https://helpmegrow.org/asqproviders).

In addition to the ASQ-3, which considers skills from communication to fine and gross motor, families will also be able to complete the ASQ-SE, which explores social/emotional development. These



## Get started with Sparkler today!

### STEP 1:

Watch this 10-minute Sparkler Provider Introduction video.

Watch Sparkler Video

### STEP 2:

Sign the Program Partner Personal Information Protection Policy.

Sign Policy

### STEP 3:

Complete the Sparkler Learning Program Partner Form.

Complete Form

### STEP 4:

Create a Sparkler account. Follow the directions emailed to you upon form submissions in Steps 2 and 3. Your initial login password will be provided.

Create Sparkler Account

screenings will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, French, and Arabic.

Once a completed ASQ is submitted via the Sparkler app, a Help Me Grow Developmental Screening Specialist will review the results and contact the family to share them. These conversations will offer parents support and/or connect them to valuable resources to ensure their child is getting all they need to thrive.

The illustration at left shares the steps providers need to take to create a Sparkler account and begin to utilize the Sparkler dashboard. Providers can watch [this video](#) to understand more about the benefits Sparkler offers. More information is also available at [helpmegrow.org](http://helpmegrow.org).

Thanks to all who attended our recent webinars about Sparkler and the expanded ASQ now available for children through age 5. We look forward to working with you!

## Have A Question About Using Sparkler?



Julie Babcock

Have questions about Ohio's ASQ Online service and/or the Sparkler dashboard? Join project coordinator Julie Babcock from Bright Beginnings every Wednesday at 1:30pm when she'll hold open office hours.

Drop in to ask a question, hear implementation ideas from other professionals, or share your ASQ success story. These will be ongoing as people begin to learn and use Sparkler.

Register for a Wednesday session via Zoom at [this link](#).

## Resources for families with children birth through 5

Just as the ASQ has expanded to serve Ohio children *through age 5*, the [Community Resource Directory](#) at [helpmegrow.org](http://helpmegrow.org) has also expanded to include resources for families with children through age 5.

Whether you're looking for diapers or preschools, you can search the directory and get results that also display on a map to help you easily see where resources are located. Entries can be shared easily via email or the link can be copied to put in a text message. Providers of listed resources can also submit changes if information needs to be updated.

The directory includes resources in all 88 Ohio counties. No matter where you live in Ohio, you can find resources in your neighborhood.

Be sure to check out the [Community Resource Directory](#) page and other services offered through Help Me Grow at [helpmegrow.org](http://helpmegrow.org)!

Know someone who could benefit from information in this newsletter? Have them sign up to receive it at [helpmegrow.org/ASQ](http://helpmegrow.org/ASQ).

Have a question about the ASQ Expansion? **Send us an email** and we'll work to answer it in an upcoming edition of this newsletter. Thank you!

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