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Dear Colleague:

Those of us who work with young children and their families – as a medical provider, teacher, home visitor, public health official or in some other capacity – already know how important developmental screening is to the health and well-being of children and families.

I am inviting you to join with Alaska's Infant Learning Program as we increase our efforts to identify children experiencing developmental delays through the implementation of the ASQ-3 Online Project. Alaska's Infant Learning/Early Intervention Program utilizes the highly regarded third edition of the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire" as its primary developmental screening tool. The ASQ-3 is now available as an online tool, making it more accessible to medical providers, early care and learning professionals, and families.

The Alaska Infant Learning Program has partnered with Brookes Publishing to establish a statewide network for administering this developmental screening tool directly from any computer or electronic media device with access to the Internet. In this statewide system, Alaska's Part C Office acts as the hub with a connection to each of the 16 regional ILP offices. Medical practices, Head Start and Early Head State, and other early childhood programs can join with the ILP office in their region, at no cost, to participate in the ASQ-3 Online effort. Since the ASQ Online initiative was launched in January 2012, approximately 50 programs have joined the initiative completing over 3,000 ASQ screenings online.

Please take a moment to review the materials included in this packet that provide additional information on the ASQ-3 and the online possibilities. Thank you for taking time to consider joining with us to ensure all children in Alaska have access to screening for developmental delays.

Sincerely,

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