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Environmental Areas of the ESQ™



The Environmental Screening Questionnaire (ESQ) is a quick, parent-completed screening tool that gathers vital information about the home environments of young children. This information will help professionals identify areas in which strengths and protective factors lie, as well as discover challenges faced by families. This information is used to better support children's development and family well-being. Discover below the types of questions included in each area of the ESQ.



Education and Employment

Questions focus on the education level of parents or caregivers and their employment stability or needs.



Housing

Questions cover housing access, stability, and conditions; household members; and the neighborhood environment.



Child and Family Health

Questions address access to health insurance, major health problems, alcohol or drug abuse, mental health concerns, and children's learning or behavior problems.



Economics and Finances

Questions look at food stability; income; support programs such as WIC, SNAP, or Medicaid; credit issues; and access to a phone.



Family Life

Questions focus on parent-child interactions, spouse/partner presence in the home, spouse/partner conflicts, and child care needs.



Community

Questions address community activities, friendships, child-to-child interactions, friend or family assistance, and access to transportation.