


Dear \_\_\_\_\_

We hope you've had a chance to fully read through the email sent out about Social Emotional Learning and steps we are taking within the company over the summer months. We are beginning the process in our classroom and we will be completing a questionnaire here at the center and we will send one home with you to complete as well. A couple things to mention when filling it out.

In the example below, I answered that my child "rarely or never" smiles at others. This is also a concern I've had so I checked the "concern" box as well. As parents, you will not have to do any scoring. We will score it when it's returned and compare it to ours. It is normal for us to see differences from what you may see at home. When scoring, just keep in mind that it's normal to question your answers and take your time. However, if you are between 2 responses, please mark both and note why you did. After the comparison, we will share our scores with you because open communication is a crucial part to providing the best for the children!

	OFTEN OR ALWAYS	SOME-TIMES	RARELY OR NEVER	CHECK IF THIS IS A CONCERN	
1. Does your baby laugh or smile at you and other family members? 	<input type="checkbox"/> z	<input type="checkbox"/> v	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> v	—
2. Does your baby look for you when a stranger comes near?	<input type="checkbox"/> z	<input type="checkbox"/> v	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/> v	—
3. Does your baby like to play near or be with family and friends?	<input type="checkbox"/> z	<input type="checkbox"/> v	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/> v	—
4. Does your baby like to be picked up and held?	<input type="checkbox"/> z	<input type="checkbox"/> v	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/> v	—
5. When upset, can your baby calm down within a half hour?	<input type="checkbox"/> z	<input type="checkbox"/> v	<input type="checkbox"/> x	<input type="checkbox"/> v	—

Please return the questionnaire by \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you so much!

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## *Message from Anne:*

Hello Families!

I write this as a mom who just completed this questionnaire on my 5 month old. Let's call a spade a spade. This can be really tough. To assess our own child, the best thing that's ever happened to us! However, it's the beauty of being a parent, right? Reflecting and always learning what we are on track with and what we can learn more about.

I do want to emphasize that the Ages and Stages Questionnaire that we are completing is specifically made for parents and caregivers. This does not do any sort of diagnosing and that's not our goal by any means. We have seen first hand the benefits of a child receiving additional support as soon as red flags pop up and other situations where we should have said something and didn't and it only ends up hindering the child down the road.

Here is a comment from a parent whose child is currently receiving support.

"We love Siblings and Company and the amount of care and concern they have for our daughter. We noticed some possible red flags with our daughter's lack of speech and gross motor. Together with her teachers, we completed a screening. Our daughter was eligible for early intervention for speech and OT. I'm so glad we decided to have our daughter screened. Now she has two more people who love and care for her growth and share their knowledge to help her with the red flags before they become serious issues. Our daughter has been receiving support for six months and we have seen HUGE growth."

As parents, we are the best advocates for our children and their development. Thank you so much for being open and learning along with us! Most importantly, please do not hesitate to ask questions! I'm always open to hear your thoughts and explain anything in depth.

Thank You!  
Anne Rutz