AGES & STAGES QUESTIONNAIRES®: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL, SECOND EDITION (ASQ:SE-2)

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Description

The ASQ:SE-2 is a parent- and caregiver-completed screening tool designed to identify young children who may be at risk for social—emotional difficulties. Questionnaires are age-specific and cover a wide range of social—emotional competencies.

Age Intervals

Nine questionnaires are available for children at: - 2 months - 6 months - 12 months - 18 months - 24 months - 30 months - 36 months - 48 months - 60 months Age Range: 1–72 months

Domains Assessed

• Self-regulation • Compliance • Communication • Adaptive functioning • Autonomy • Affect • Interaction with people

Administration

• Completed by: Parents, teachers, or other caregivers • Format: 19–33 items per questionnaire (depending on age) • Time: 10–15 minutes to complete; 2–3 minutes to score

Psychometric Properties

• Standardization Sample: Over 14,000 questionnaires from diverse U.S. families, aligned with national census demographics • Reliability: Test–retest reliability ≈ .94 • Validity: Agreement with professional assessments ranges from .84–.96

Key Features

- Nine questionnaires aligned to specific age intervals
 Provides cutoff scores tailored to each interval
 Sensitive to a wide range of social—emotional concerns
 Supports early identification and referral for further evaluation or intervention
 Allows progress monitoring across multiple developmental stages
- Use this fact sheet as a quick reference for staff, caregivers, and professionals implementing ASQ:SE-2.