

Answer to supplementary question – Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation

The ASQ-Trak has recently been integrated in our Healthy Start program at 18 months and 4 years of age. In addition to clinical staff our Early Years/playgroup staff have also been trained to administer the screening tool. It has been a learning curve for us all but while time consuming for staff and families, most families have responded very favourably to the fun interaction with their children. From a clinical point of view, we have identified so many children who we are able to better support through our allied health service and NDIS support. Incorporating this tool into the routine work of Maari Ma's Aboriginal Child and Family Service will definitely help us “close the gap” for our children at Maari Ma and hopefully it's a fun space for kids. For parents, who are after all a child's first and best teachers, we believe it is a positive space to learn about their child's development and rejoice in their abilities.