



ASQ-STEPS Pre-Testing study

Project Summary



From September to October 2021 the ASQ-STEPS research team travelled in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

We needed to learn how to use the ASQ-STEPS with children and families and find out what they thought about the ASQ-STEPS.



We worked with **Central Australian Aboriginal Congress** in Alice Springs and **Nunkuwarrin Yunti** in Adelaide.

Training

10 practitioners attended an in-service at their organisation to learn about the ASQ-STEPS.

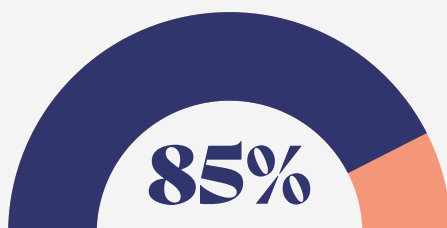


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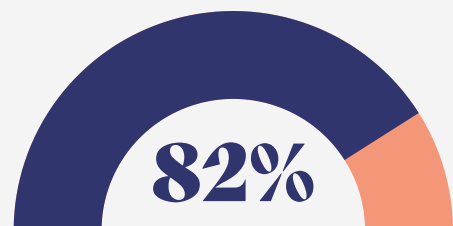
19 ASQ-STEPS were administered with children and their caregivers.

Recruitment



85% of families recruited to the study successfully completed an ASQ-STEPS.

Caregiver feedback



82% of caregivers that completed an ASQ-STEPS provided feedback.

What did families think?

"... the pictures were really clear... sometimes when I couldn't get my head around the words ... the pictures helped me out."

"It was good ... it gave me a reminder of what she is capable of ... it was good to actually see the progress and her development."

"... I should be giving her more opportunities to try and explore certain things... it was a nice little reminder ... she does need these opportunities to be able to do this."

"I felt it was ... very easy to understand what the questions meant."

What next?

Now the project is finished we need to look at all the information we collected. This will help us make the final version of the ASQ-STEPS and let us know what we need to include in the training.

We want to do this by June 2022.



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