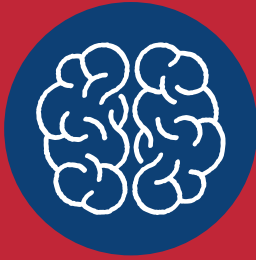




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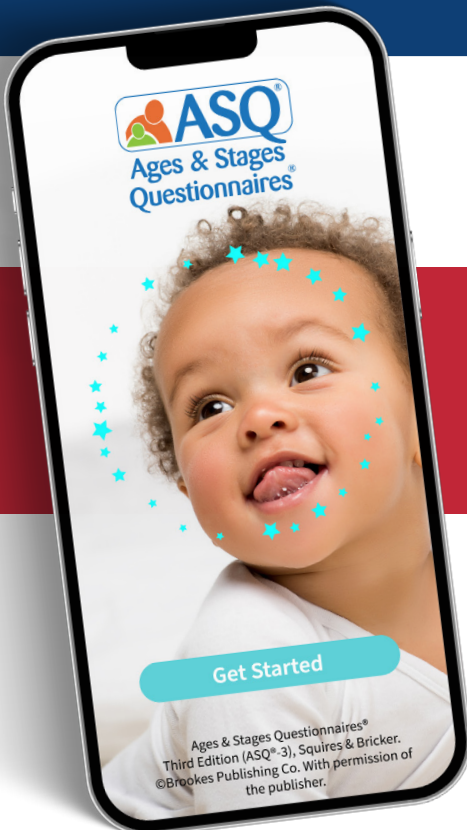
of a child's brain
develops by age 5.



Only
36.6%

of Ohio's children
demonstrated overall
kindergarten readiness
in Fall 2023*.

*Based on Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness
Assessment (KRA) measure



What Parents Need To Know

About Early Childhood Development

Kindergarten readiness has lifelong impact.

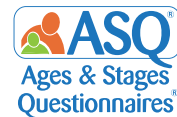
Children who enter kindergarten behind in their developmental skills often never catch up in school. Research shows poor academic performance is linked to:

- Increased high school dropout rates
- Increased rates for teen pregnancy
- Increased arrests and jail time
- Increased unemployment rates
- Lower earning for those employed
- Poor health outcomes

Track your child's developmental milestones.

Developmental milestones are the skills that most children achieve by a certain age. You can help your child succeed by using the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)**. The ASQ is **FREE to Ohio families** through the **Sparkler: Play for Parenting app** from Ohio's Help Me Grow program.

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