

GRASP Newsletter

Guiding Responsive Approaches to Strengthening Practice

Website link: <https://arcqe.ca/projects/grasp/>

October 2021

Online Database

Upcoming Virtual Information Sessions

Oct 20th 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Nov 24th 10:00 – 11:00 am, Dec 14th 2:00-3:00 pm.

Reminder these sessions are informal opportunities for coaches and/or program leaders supporting the screening process for programs to log in with questions. There is no need to pre-register and links will be sent just prior to session time.

Current Statistics for Alberta

As of October 1, 2021, in all three Enterprise accounts this project has collected the following statistical information:

ASQ-3 Screenings Completed: 11,931

The following number of children fell below cutoff in these developmental areas:

- Communication: 839
- Gross Motor: 756
- Fine Motor: 754
- Problem Solving: 673
- Personal Social: 704
- Parent Concerns: 1667

ASQ:SE-2 Screenings Completed: 6,181

- Above Cut Off: 641
- Parent Concerns: 260
- Monitoring: 771

Family Session

A family session will be held October 14th with Julie Belair-Bak on “Exploring Emotions” from 8:00 – 9:30 pm. Julie will present information for helping families to be better prepared to support all of their children’s emotions. This event will be recorded for programs to share with families unable to attend.

Did You Know: ARCQE’S National Child Day Conference features several speakers that will have topics relevant to supporting follow up strategies for families and children. Registration link: <https://arcqe.ca/professional-learning/conference/> Early bird cut off is Oct 15/21 – See pg. 2 for other links to resources and speakers relating to attachment and social-emotional development



GRASP Project

We now have our maximum 102 active programs participating in the GRASP project. We have a waiting list for programs interested in GRASP support. We are anticipating additional support opportunities to further support programs in late November 2021. Please feel free to submit your interest by completing the Service Request form

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Resource Distribution:

One great new resource that will be provided to programs, is an Exploring Emotions Kit that will support helping children understand feelings and emotions. There will be a professional learning opportunity for ways to utilize these resources on October 7th. A recording will be made available for programs unable to attend.

Facebook GRASP Site

We have created a private Facebook group for any educators working in GRASP programs to have networking opportunities and share resources or insights for supporting child development. The group is called GRASP – Guiding Responsive Approaches to Strengthening Practice.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/271931151214780/>

