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Improvements in Child Health Checks and the ASQ-TRAK

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ASQ-TRAK and Child Health Checks

➤ ASQ-TRAK

- Developmental screening tool for observing and monitoring the developmental progress of Australian Aboriginal children at 2 months, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, 24 months, 36 months and 48 months of age
- Highlights a child's strengths as well as catches delays early

➤ Child Health Checks (Healthy Under 5 Kids Check)

- Standardised practice of comprehensive well-child health assessments, in a format that can be utilised by all staff

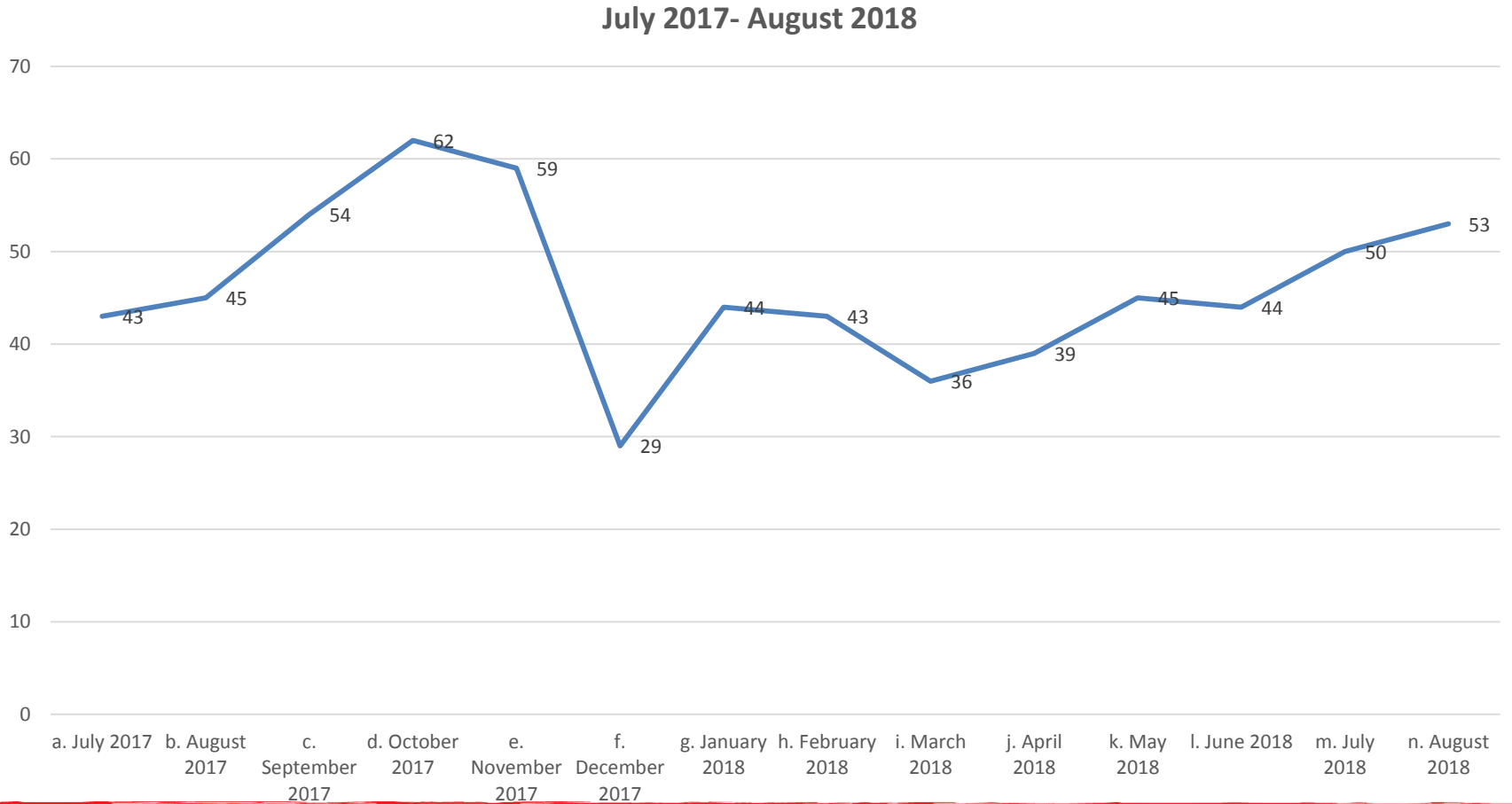
Drivers for change

- Level of need in Alice Springs and long term consequences
- Several years of advocacy for early childhood programs
- Evidence-base for investment in early childhood is strong and growing
- Increased political recognition of the importance of early childhood development increased screening
- NDIS.

Process for implementation

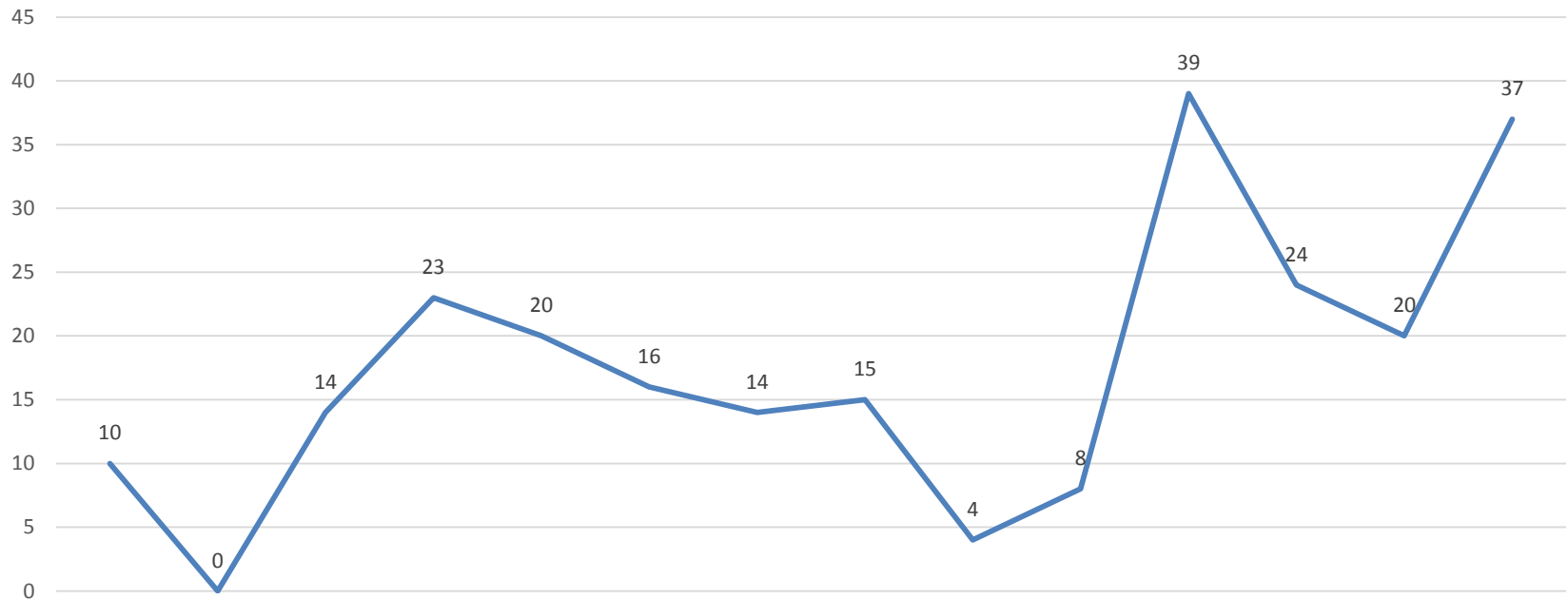
- Employment of child health nurses to specifically undertake screening
- Education and training
- Working on best scheduling regime
- Recalls, proactive engagement with families, ALOs and family support workers, Connected Beginnings, Early Childhood Learning Centre.

Number of health checks claimed in month



Number of ASQ-TRAKs Completed

July 2017 - August 2018



Proportion with a health check who had an ASQ-TRAK

July 2017 – August 2018



After screening

- Child and Youth Assessment team
- Early Childhood Learning Centre (3a)
- Preschool Readiness Program
- Parenting support
- Clinical care (audiology, dentist, medical care, immunisations, anaemia tx etc)
- Partnerships



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