Child Developmental Milestones

How a child plays, learns, speaks and acts offers important clues about their development. Developmental milestones are actions and skills most children can do by a certain age. Here are a few important markers to look for as a child grows.



6 Months

- Copies sounds
- Sits without support
- Plays with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling (ex: "ah," "eh," "oh")



12 Months (1 Year)

- Uses and copies simple gestures (ex: waving "bye bye")
- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand



18 Months (1½ Years)

- Plays simple pretend (ex: feeding a doll)
- Points to show others items of interest
- Knows what common items are used for (ex: phone, brush, spoon)
- Says several single words
- Walks alone



2 Years

- Says 2-4 word sentences
- Gets excited around other children
- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Points to named items or pictures



3 Years

- Copies adults and friends (ex: running when others run)
- Converses using 2-3 sentences
- Climbs well
- Plays make-believe
- Shows affection for friends unprompted



4 Years

- Hops and stands on one foot for 2 seconds
- Prefers playing with peers than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2-4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively



5 Years

- Tells a short story using full sentences
- Can tell what is real and what is pretend
- Counts 10 or more items
- Draws a person with 6 or more body parts
- Swings and climbs

Do you have concerns about a child's development?

The Child Development Infoline provides information and referrals to resources in the community.

For more complete checklists by age, or if you have questions or concerns about a child's development, behavior or learning, visit **https://cdi.211ct.org** or dial **1-800-505-7000** to speak to a Care Coordinator at Child Development Infoline.

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