

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

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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.