



How your child plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves offers important clues about your child's development.

Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

What most children do by this age:

Social and Emotional

- Copies others, especially adults and older children
- Gets excited when with other children
- Shows more and more independence
- Shows defiant or challenging behavior

Language/Communication

- Points to things or pictures when they are named
- Knows names of familiar people and body parts
- Says sentences with two to four words
- Repeats words overheard in conversation

Cognitive

- Begins to sort shapes and colors
- Completes sentences in familiar books
- Plays simple make-believe games
- Names items in a picture book
- Builds towers of four or more blocks

Movement/Physical Development

- Stands on tiptoe
- Begins to run and can kick a ball
- Climbs onto and down from furniture without help
- Walks up and down stairs holding on
- Throws ball overhand

Act early by talking to your child's doctor if your child:

- Doesn't use two-word phrases
- Doesn't know what to do with common things
- Doesn't copy actions and words
- Doesn't follow simple instructions
- Doesn't walk steadily

If you're concerned, act early.

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age.

For more help, contact the Child Development Center (406-549-6413, 1-800-914-4779, or online at childdevcenter.org) which offers screening and support services throughout Western Montana.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be screened for general development using standardized, validated tools at 9, 18, and 24 or 30 months and for autism at 18 and 24 months or whenever a parent or provider has a concern. Ask your child's doctor about your child's developmental screening.



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