



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

- Enjoys doing new things
- Plays "Mom" and "Dad"
- Is more and more creative with make-believe play
- Would rather play with other children than alone

### Language/Communication

- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" and "she"
- Can sing a song or say a poem from memory
- Can say first and last name

### Cognitive

- Names some colors and some numbers
- Understands the idea of counting
- Starts to understand time
- Understands the idea of "same" and "different"
- Uses scissors

### Movement/Physical Development

- Hops and stands on one foot up to two seconds
- Catches a bounced ball most of the time
- Pours, cuts with supervision, and mashes own food

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

- Shows no interest in interactive games or make-believe
- Resists dressing, sleeping, and using the toilet
- Doesn't understand "same" and "different"
- Speaks unclearly
- Ignores other children or doesn't respond to people outside the family

### *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](http://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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