

New York Zero-to-Three Network

Infancy Leadership Circles: Building Cross System Partnerships

SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

The Infancy Leadership Circle/Niagara invites you to join us in promoting the healthy development of young children in your care. Please share the important developmental milestones information below with families you know. Here's what you can expect a child to be doing from birth up to age three.

At three months of age, most babies:

- turn their head toward bright colors and lights
- no longer "cross their eyes" while trying to focus. They move both their eyes in the same direction at one time.
- recognize bottle or breast
- respond to their mother's voice
- make cooing sounds
- bring their hands together
- wiggle and kick with arms and legs
- lift their head while lying on their stomach
- become quiet in response to sound, especially to speech
- smile

At six months of age, most babies:

- follow moving objects with their eyes
- turn toward the source of normal sound
- reach for objects and pick them up
- switch toys from one hand to the other
- play with their toes
- help hold the bottle during feeding
- recognize familiar faces
- imitate speech sounds
- respond to soft sounds, especially talking
- roll over

At 12 months of age, most babies:

- get to a sitting position
- pull to a standing position
- stand briefly without support
- crawl

- imitate adults using a cup or telephone
- play peek-a-boo and patty cake
- wave bye-bye
- put objects in a container
- say at least one word
- make "ma-ma" or "da-da" sounds

At 18 months of age, most children:

- like to push and pull objects
- say at least six words
- follow simple directions ("Bring the ball")
- pull off their shoes, socks and mittens
- can point to a picture that you name in a book
- feed themselves
- make marks on paper with crayons
- walk without help
- walk backwards
- point, make sounds, or try to use words to ask for things
- say "no," shake their head or push away things they don't want

At two years of age, most children:

- use two- to three-word sentences
- say about 50 words
- recognize familiar pictures
- kick a ball forward
- feed themselves with a spoon
- demand a lot of your attention
- turn two or three pages together
- like to imitate their parent
- identify hair, eyes, ears, and nose by pointing
- build a tower of four blocks
- show affection

If your child is having trouble doing some of these things, it may put your mind at ease to talk to someone. Early help makes a difference!

Talk with your doctor or call the Niagara County Health Department Early Intervention Program at 278-1691 for children up to the age of three. For children ages 3 to 5, contact your School District.