Concerned About Your Child’s Development?

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Early On® Michigan
Don’t worry. But don’t wait.

“Success in school and life starts in the earliest years with families engaged and supporting their children.”

- Brian J. Whiston
State Superintendent
Should You Be Concerned About Your Child’s Development?

Most parents wonder at times if their child is growing and developing like other children. If you think that your child’s growth, learning, or social skills are not the same as those of other children the same age, the sooner you check it out the better.

Visit 1800EarlyOn.org to locate information and resources about your child’s development. If you are concerned about how your child is growing or developing, Don’t Worry. But Don’t Wait. You may make a referral by completing an online form at 1800EarlyOn.org or by calling 1-800-EARLY ON (327-5966). After the referral, your local Early On will contact you for free screening or evaluation to see if your child is eligible for services.

Early On Michigan Helping Babies & Toddlers Grow and Learn

The first few years of a child’s life are very important, but children grow and learn at different rates. If you have questions about how your child is developing, or if you think that your child might need extra help, call Early On Michigan.

Early On helps families get the help they need for their children. Parents know what is best for their families. At Early On, we listen to you. You will find friendly, supportive, and knowledgeable people who will talk to you about your concerns. Sometimes, we will arrange a free evaluation.

If the evaluation shows that your child needs help, we’ll tell you how to get that help at no cost.

Each baby goes through developmental stages. Here are some questions to help you decide if you should ask for help.

**By 3 months does your baby…**
- lift head and chest when lying on stomach?
- show vigorous body movement?
- show improved head control?
- recognize breast or bottle?
- coo – chuckle?

**By 6 months does your baby…**
- sit with a little help?
- roll from back to stomach?
- support weight; bounce activity?
- babble – more than two sounds?
- hold one toy and reach for another?

**By 12 months does your baby…**
- pull self to standing – may step with support?
- pick things up with thumb and one finger?
- put one toy in another?
- give toy on request?
- give affection?
- follow simple directions accompanied by gestures?
- say 2 or 3 words?

**By 24 months does your toddler…**
- kick large ball?
- turn pages of a book?
- imitate housework?
- ask for items by name?
- use 2 or 3 words together, such as “more juice?”
- recognize familiar pictures – know if it is upside down?