

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED SPECIAL HELP?



Many children are born with, or acquire, conditions, which interfere with their growth and educational development.

Fortunately, many of these conditions can be helped if parents and others recognize the problem early enough and seek help. We have listed here some of the early signs that indicate a problem might exist. If you suspect your child may have special educational needs, a free evaluation of your child's development is available. These problems can often be corrected through programs that are available through your school district or children's therapeutic centers

Early Warning Signs

<p>Hearing If your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not get startled by loud sounds from birth to three months • Did not turn towards sounds at age three months old • Has frequent ear aches or running ears • Always speaks in a very loud, or very soft voice • Omits parts of words • Doesn't seem to hear when spoken to 	<p>Moving (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is unable to sit up without support by age one • Does not use crayon or pencil to scribble by age two • Can't walk without help by age two • Is unable to build a tower with three blocks by age three • Doesn't walk up and down steps by age three • Is unable to balance on one foot for a short time by age four • Can't throw a ball overhead and catch a large ball bounced back by age five
<p>Talking If your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isn't cooing and vocalizing by three months • Isn't babbling by six months • Doesn't respond to spoken words by age one • Does not ask for items by name by age two • Isn't understandable when talking by age three • Isn't talking in short sentences by age four 	<p>Playing If your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't play games such as peek-a-boo, patty cake, or wave bye-bye, by age one • Doesn't imitate parents doing routine household chores by age two or three • Doesn't enjoy playing alone with toys, pots, and pans, sand, etc, by age three • Doesn't play group play games such as hide an seek, tag ball, etc. with other children by age five
<p>Moving If your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is unable to lift his head and chest while lying on abdomen by three months • Is unable to roll from back to abdomen by six months 	<p>Thinking If your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't react to name when called by age one • Isn't able to point to and identify hair, eyes, ears, nose by age two • Isn't able to understand simple stories by age three • Isn't able give answers to reasonable answers to such questions as, "What do you do when you're sleepy?" or "What do you do when you are hungry?" by age four • Doesn't seem to understand the meaning of today, tomorrow or yesterday by age five

If your child does not meet the levels of development suggested above, it may be a sign that a problem exists
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