Your Child’s Early Development is a Journey

Look for these milestones in your own child and share your child’s progress with the doctor at every visit.

6 MONTHS
- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")
- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye bye"
- Copies gestures
- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting
- Knows what ordinary things are for; for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand
- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Points to things or pictures when they’re named
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting
- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds
- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age visit www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.