



#### AGE ONE MONTH

- head slightly off the floor or bed when lying on the stomach
- Holds head up momentarily when supported
- Briefly watches and follows objects with eyes
- Throaty sounds
- Responds to noises, such as a bell
- Looks at parent's face
- Moves arms and legs

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#### AGE TWO MONTHS

- Holds head up when lying on stomach
- Follows moving persons or toys with eyes
- Smiles at will
- Initiates or responds to smiling person with occasional smiles
- Vocalizes with ou and aah sounds

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#### AGE THREE MONTHS

- Lifts head when lying on stomach
- Vigorous body movements
- Holds head still in a supported sitting position
- Coos, chuckles, squeals and laughs
- Brings hands together
- Looks at own hand

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#### AGE FOUR MONTHS

- Lifts head and chest when lying on stomach
- Grasps small objects such as a rattle held near hand
- May begin reaching
- Follows moving objects
- Bears weight on legs

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#### AGE SIX MONTHS

- Turns to rattling sound
- Rolls from back to stomach
- Initiates speech sounds (cough or kissing sound)
- Feeds self finger foods

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#### AGE NINE MONTHS

- Sits alone, changing position without falling
- Plays with two objects at the same time
- Pulls self up to standing
- Says Mama-Dada
- Waves bye-bye

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#### AGE TWELVE MONTHS (1 YEAR)

- Picks things up with thumb and on finger
- Plays pat-a-cake
- Indicates wants
- Bangs two objects together
- Plays ball with partner

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#### AGE FIFTEEN MONTHS

- May stand without support
- Puts object in a cup
- Vocalizes with pitch changes in conversation
- May use one to two words

#### AGE EIGHTEEN MONTHS

- Builds a tower of two blocks
- Climbs up or down one stair
- May use three words
- Drinks from cup
- Helps in house
- Uses spoon and fork
- Walks backward

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#### AGE TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS ( 2 YEARS)

- Kicks large ball
- Walks in steps
- Names familiar pictures
- Uses two or three words together such as "more juice"
- Feeds a doll
- Takes off socks
- Points to pictures
- Throws ball overhead
- Points to body parts

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#### AGE THIRTY-SIX MONTHS ( 3 YEARS)

- Speech is understandable half of the time
- Knows meaning of words like hot, hungry and sleepy
- Walks up stairs
- Stands momentarily on one foot
- Names friend
- Puts on clothing
- Washes and dries hands
- Jumps
- Brushes teeth with help

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#### AGE FORTY-EIGHT MONTHS ( 4 YEARS)

- Hops in place
- Copies circle
- Names one color
- Understands in, on and under
- Counts one block
- Dresses with no help
- Tells use of objects such as a telephone

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#### AGE SIXTY MONTHS ( 5 YEARS)

- Prepares own cereal
  - Plays board/card games
  - Draws person with three body parts
  - Counts five blocks
  - Names four colors
  - Defines simple words (ball, house and banana)
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This guide shows the normal signs of growth in a young child as determined by the Denver Developmental Screening Test II. Many children develop faster than the guide indicates. Those who develop slower than this however may be "Special Children" who may need special needs. Services for children ages Birth-5 are provided throughout the state. REMEMBER: The earlier you recognize your child's special needs and seek help, the better the possibilities are for your child to improve or to overcome the problem. ACT NOW!!!!!!!