

IS THERE A CONCERN ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS?

In the early years, children develop many different types of important skills called developmental milestones, which lay the foundation for later learning and abilities. It's important to mark these milestones, which typically happen at certain ages, like when babies start to move their muscles intentionally.

When children don't reach a developmental milestone at the time we expect, it's important to notice. Often there are simple supports that can boost the child's progress. Children grow and learn at different paces, so delays are fairly common.



About
1 in 6 children
in the **US** have a
developmental delay.

Ask a health care provider for a **developmental screening** to check your child's progress at your child's **9, 18, and 24 or 30 month** well-child visits or at any time you have a concern.

Sometimes developmental delays have a clear cause, but in most cases, it's a result of a mix of factors. Typically delays are not caused by anything parents did or did not do.

If a specialist like a doctor, nurse practitioner, or teacher has raised a concern about your child's progress, take it seriously.

Don't worry, but don't wait to act.

To support your child, learn all you can about their delay and what can be done to strengthen the foundation of their brain in these early years. Talk with others, like family members and teachers, who interact with your child about the delay so they know the best ways to help your child learn and grow. Even if your child has a developmental delay, they can thrive in many ways. Remember to celebrate your child's strengths often!



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