

From 1 year to 1 ½ years (18 months), many children :

- play simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- point to show others something interesting
- show a full range of emotions, such as happy, sad, angry
- walk without help
- say several single words
- look at something you point to and say, "look!"

From 1 ½ years to 2 years (24 months), many children:

- say phrases with 2 to 4 words
- follow simple instructions
- kick a ball
- get excited when with other children
- point to things or pictures when they are named

From 2 years to 3 years (36 months), many children:

- show affection for friends without prompting
- use 4 to 5-word sentences
- copy adults and friends
- climb well
- play make-believe with dolls, animals, and people

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If you would like more information or would like to refer a child to **BabyNet**, please call

1-877-621-0865

or visit

www.scfirststeps.org/BabyNet.html



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- Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Social Services
- Family Connection of SC
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- PRO Parents of South Carolina
- School for the Deaf and the Blind
- Team for Early Childhood Solutions, University of South Carolina

For more information

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<https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/babynet>

To find a BabyNet office near you:

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/babynet/site-page/local-contact-information>

Additional copies of BabyNet materials can be obtained from Family Connection at BabyNet@FamilyConnectionSC.org or 1-800-578-8750

Growing Up is a Journey

Some children just need a little extra help getting started.

BabyNet can help.



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Your Child's Early Development

The early years matter

The first three years are a very important time in every child's life. The way a child learns and develops during this time can make a big difference in the way that he or she will do later in school and on into their adult life.

If you have concerns about a child's ability to think, talk, see, hear, play, or move, it is important to get some extra help as early as possible.

What is BabyNet?

BabyNet is South Carolina's system of services for infants and toddlers birth to three years of age who have developmental delays or have conditions associated with developmental delays.

BabyNet will provide parents and caregivers with the services and information they need to be the best possible teachers and caregivers for their children.

Referring a child to BabyNet?

Anyone can refer a child to **BabyNet** (a parent or caregiver, doctor, childcare provider, friend, or neighbor). Once a child is referred to **BabyNet**, the family will be contacted by a Service Coordinator who will further explain the **BabyNet** system and address any questions or concerns that they may have. If the family is interested, the Service Coordinator will then assist in determining if the child is eligible for **BabyNet** services.

What are BabyNet services?

BabyNet services are provided at no cost to the family. The amount or type of services provided will vary based on the individual needs of the child and the family's concerns and priorities. Services include home activities that will help parents and caregivers learn ways that they can help their child to succeed to the best of their ability.

All eligible children will receive:

- Service Coordination

Other services that may be identified are:

- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Early Identification, Screening, and Assessment
- Family Education
- Health Services
- Medical Services
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Parent-to-Parent Support
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Social Work Services
- Special Instruction
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Transportation
- Vision Services

As they grow, children are always learning new things. Below are just some of the things you should look for as your child grows. Use this as a guide, and if you have any concerns, talk with your child's doctor and call **1-877-621-0865** to get connected with BabyNet, your community's early childhood intervention system.

From birth to 6 months, many children:

- respond to own name
- respond to other people's emotions and often seem happy
- copy sounds
- like to play with others, especially parents
- sit without support for a short time

From 9 months to 1 year (12 months), many children:

- use simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"
- pull up to stand
- say "mama" and "dada" and exclamations like "uh-oh!"
- copy gestures
- respond to simple spoken requests