

Wow! They Grow Up So Fast!



What Is Your Toddler Doing?...

1. A toddler learns to interact with others:

- **By 15 months:** points and asks for things, picks up food with fingers and puts in mouth, loves attention, walks alone.
- **By 18 months:** likes to pull, push, and dump things, drinks from a cup, names parts of the body, enjoys putting things in and out of containers, says words to get things he/she wants, looks at books and turns pages alone, scribbles with crayons, walks without help, runs stiffly with eyes on the ground, says 8-10 words, looks at person who is talking to them, protests when frustrated, asks for something by pointing or using one word, seeks attention, uses “hi”, “bye” and “please,” with reminders, competes with other children for toys, identifies an object in a picture book, puts round lid on round pot, follows simple 1-step directions.
- **By 2 years:** drinks from a straw, feeds self with spoon, puts two or more words together, likes to run, takes off hat, socks, and sweater, put arms in sleeves with help, builds a tower of 3-4 blocks, bends over to pick up a toy and does not fall, takes steps backward, has a vocabulary of several hundred words, says names of toys, asks for information about objects, sometimes get angry and has temper tantrums, takes turns in play with other children, refers to self by name and use “me” and “mine”.

2. **Not all toddlers develop the same way.** Some learn to do certain things sooner and other things later.
3. If you are concerned about your baby’s development, talk with your doctor. You may find **Bright Futures** informational website helpful: <http://www.brightfutures.org/georgetown.html>.
4. If your baby is developing skills slowly and you want an additional evaluation, there are programs available to help babies who need an extra push. Ask about the **Early Intervention Program** available in your area by calling **1-800-323-4769**.

You may find information and resources at the **Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse** helpful.
Call toll free: **(877) 275-3227** or visit <http://www.eiclearinghouse.org/services.html>.