

The Therapy Center for Children is here to help your child meet his or her developmental goals and obtain maximum function. We provide home-based occupational, physical, psychological, speech and special education services for children birth to age three. Our caring and experienced therapists are licensed and certified. Funding for early intervention services is through Suffolk County and the NYS Department of Health. These Services are at no out of pocket cost to the families of eligible children. Please call us at (631) 207-1053 or visit us on the web at www.therapycenterforchildren.com.



DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

At age six months, your child. . .

- Laughs, gurgles, coos with familiar people.
- Babbles for attention.
- Turns and looks at new sounds.
- Begins to hold bottle.
- Begins to reach for a toy with one or both hands.
- Rolls from belly to back.



At age eight to ten months, your child. . .

- Sits well without support.
- May say "mama" and "dada."
- Uses jargon (babbling that sounds like real speech).



At age ten to twelve months, your child. . .

- Recognizes name.
- Imitates familiar sounds.
- Understands the word "no."
- Scribbles imitatively with a crayon.
- Crawls well on hands and feet (not all children crawl).
- Pulls to stand.
- Walks with hand held assistance.



For further information on development, please visit our website at www.therapycenterforchildren.com.

The Early Intervention Program (EIP) is a public program for infants and toddlers with special needs. Children with diagnosed conditions that lead to developmental delays are eligible for the EIP. Children with no diagnosis who have delays in development may be eligible for the EIP if their delays are significant. If you have concerns about your child's development, you can call the Suffolk County Early Intervention Program at (631) 853-3100.

The Therapy Center for Children is approved by New York State and has a contract with Suffolk County to provide these services. Please call us at (631) 207-1053 or visit our website at www.therapycenterforchildren.com.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT

You can foster your child's Speech by . . .

- Singing and reading colorful books.
- Playing music and interactive games such as "Pat-a-Cake" and "Peek-a-Boo."
- Responding to your child's coos and laughter.
- Talking to your child throughout the day about whatever you are doing.



You can foster your child's Motor Development by . . .



- Drawing and coloring circles together on paper as you sing "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round."
- Providing opportunities for your child to play musical instruments such as the piano or accordion.
- Stringing large wooden beads together.
- Providing supervised opportunities for your child to physically explore his or her environment.

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