


**IS MY BABY'S
DEVELOPMENT
“NORMAL”?**

**INTERVENTIONS IN CASES OF SUSPECTED
DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS**

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS “NORMAL” DEVELOPMENT?

- Language matters – “normal” vs. “typical” development
- Wide variations of typical development in the age 0-3
- Why measure it at all then?  importance of early childhood development and early intervention in cases of delay

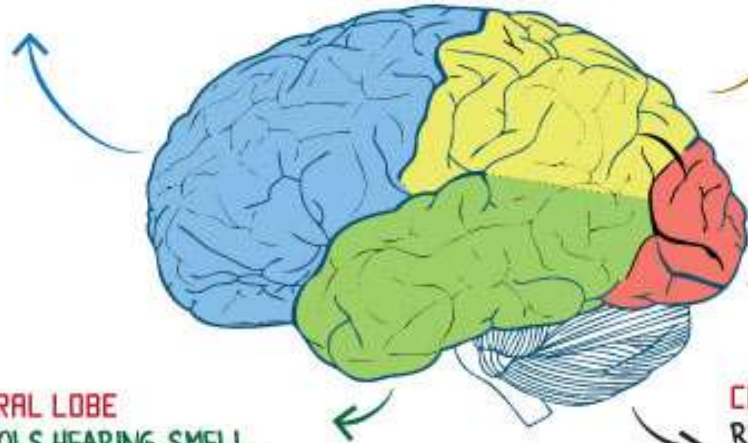
90% OF A CHILD'S BRAIN DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS BEFORE AGE 5

FRONTAL LOBE

HANDLES ALL THOUGHT AND VOLUNTARY BEHAVIOR
MEMORY, GOAL FORMATION, ABSTRACT THINKING,
PLANNING, AND IMPULSE CONTROL

PARIETAL LOBE

ASSOCIATED WITH BODILY SENSATIONS
LIKE HEAT, COLD, PRESSURE, AND PAIN
CONTROLS TASTE, TOUCH, THE ABILITY
TO RECOGNIZE OBJECTS, HAND-EYE COORDINATION



OCCIPITAL LOBE

CONTROLS VISION
AND VISUAL RECOGNITION

TEMPORAL LOBE

CONTROLS HEARING, SMELL,
LANGUAGE SKILLS, AND SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING

CEREBELLUM

RESPONSIBLE FOR BALANCE
AND MUSCLE COORDINATION.

SOURCES:

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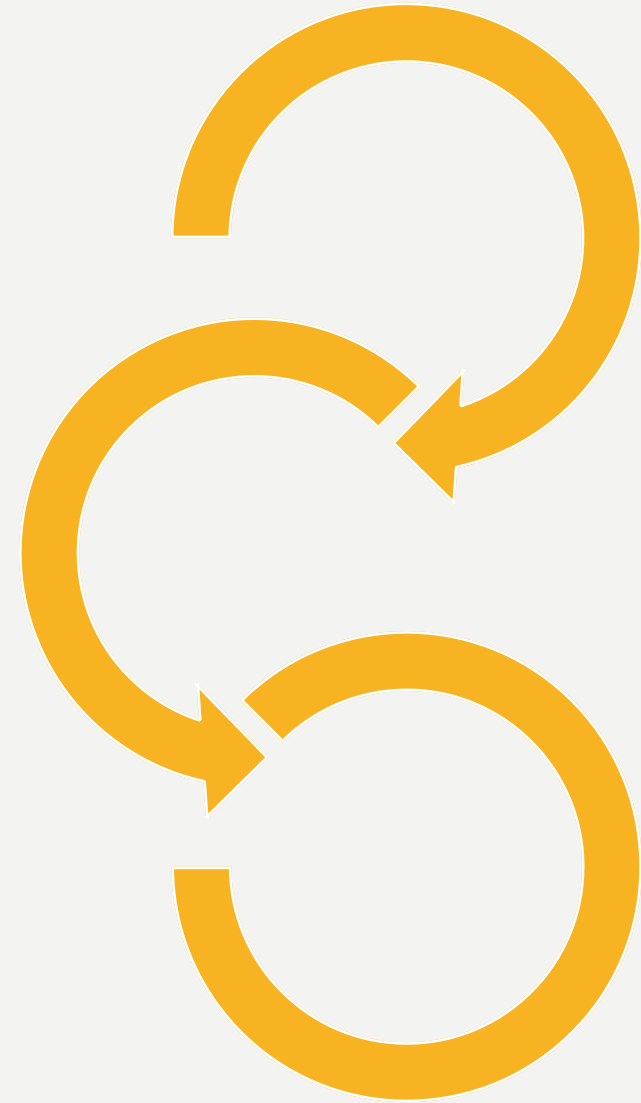
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AREAS OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Physical development
- Cognitive development
- Social development
- Emotional development
- Speech and language development



9 MONTH MILESTONES

– ACT EARLY IF YOUR CHILD...

- Cannot sit
- Does not bear any weight on their legs when standing
- Does not make any word-like sounds or babble
- Does not use finger to point or does not look when you point
- Does not transfer toys from one hand to the other
- Does not play peek-a-boo or any games involving back-and-forth play
- Does not seem to recognise familiar people

12 MONTH MILESTONES – ACT EARLY IF YOUR CHILD...

- Does not stand or make attempts to move standing
- Does not say single words or try to copy any words you say
- Does not use gestures like waving, pointing
- Does not show an interest in playing with you or show any fear/nervous behaviour if left alone in a room
- Cannot put things in a container or take things out of a container
- Loses skills s/he once had

18 MONTH MILESTONES

– ACT EARLY IF YOUR CHILD...

- Cannot walk
- Does not know what familiar items are used for
- Does not gain new words (min. 6 appropriately used words)
- Does not show affection to familiar people
- Is not able to hold a spoon and get food into mouth
- Loses skills s/he once had

24 MONTH MILESTONES

– ACT EARLY IF YOUR CHILD...

- Does not use 2-word phrases
- Does not points to things or pictures when they are named
- Does not try to copy actions and words
- Does not follow simple instructions
- Does not get excited when around other children
- Loses skills s/he once had

36 MONTH MILESTONES

– ACT EARLY IF YOUR CHILD...

- Does not run or falls down a lot
- Does not speak in sentences
- Has very unclear speech
- Does not play pretend or make-believe
- Does not want to play with other children
- Does not make eye contact
- Loses skills s/he once had

WHERE TO SEEK HELP IF YOU SUSPECT A DELAY?

- Early Childhood Intervention services – for ages 0-3
- Doctor's office
- Nursery/Kindergarten
- Social services
- Child therapeutic / development assessment centres

AND IF THERE IS A DELAY?

- Early childhood intervention programme
- Speech and language therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychological therapy
- Seek other families, communities, organisations – manage own emotions if you want to help your child!

Should you seek “alternative” forms of therapy?

REMEMBER ... IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD



**THANK
YOU!**