

In Berrien County we know that education begins at birth. We also know that some of our children need extra help or other related special services along the way. That's why Berrien County's special education system helps children as young as newborns and up to age 26.

We Say: Don't Worry... But Don't Wait

By 3 months, Does your toddler...

- Roll from side to side?
- Play with his/her hands?
- Laugh out loud?
- Show interest in faces?

By 6 months, Does your toddler...

- Sit up with little support?
- Roll over?
- Pass things from one hand to the other?
- Like to be touched and helped?
- Listen and respond when spoken to?

By 12 months, Does your toddler...

- Stand alone for at least two seconds?
- Drink from a cup with help?
- Wave bye-bye?
- Use a few short words like "mama"?
- Play games with you like "peek-a-boo"?
- Distinguish emotions by tone of voice?

By 18 months, Does your toddler...

- Walk independently?
- Speak at least fifteen words?
- Seem to know how common household objects (brush, phone, spoon) are used?
- Imitate actions & words of those around them?
- Follow simple directions with gestures?
- Demonstrate increasing independence?

By 24 months, Does your toddler...

- Walk and run well?
- Ask for things by name?
- Use two or three word combinations?
- Handle a spoon well?
- Want to play and get along with other children?
- Follow two-step directions?

By 36 months, Does your toddler...

- Go upstairs and downstairs without support?
- Hold a crayon with a mature grasp and draw circles in imitation?
- Speak clearly enough for strangers to understand?
- Speak in sentences of four to five words?
- Follow two, unrelated directions?
- Correctly name some colors?
- Engage in inventive and imaginative play?
- Cooperate with other children?

By 4 years, Does your preschooler...

- Hop, swing and climb?
- Draw a person with a body?
- Use a fork, spoon and (sometimes) knife?
- Care for own toilet needs?
- Recall parts of familiar stories?
- Speak sentences of more than five words?



By 4 years, Continued...

- Correctly give first and last name?
- Count ten or more objects?
- Correctly name at least four colors?
- Want to please friends and be like them?

By 5 years, Does your preschooler...

- Use plurals and past tense when speaking?
- Talk about daily activities and experiences?
- Differentiate between fantasy and reality?
- Dress and undress without assistance?
- Engage in a variety of activities?
- Enjoy and initiate conversations with other children and familiar adults?

The developmental milestones listed will give you a general idea of the changes that you can expect as your child gets older, but don't be alarmed if the development takes a slightly different course. Alert your pediatrician and call your local Project Find for more information if your child displays any of the signs of possible developmental delay for his or her age range.

Berrien County Project Find/Early On

Finding the Help
Children Need
to Succeed

**Don't Worry...
But Don't Wait.**

Call
269-471-7725 Ext. 1301
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