



## How do I know if my infant / toddler needs speech-language services?

### AGE BIRTH - 6 MONTHS

- 1. Frequently coos, gurgles, and makes pleasure sounds
- 2. Uses a different cry to express different needs
- 3. Smiles when spoken to
- 4. Recognizes voices
- 5. Localizes to sound
- 6. Uses the sounds /b/, /p/, and /m/ in babbling
- 7. Uses sounds or gestures to indicate wants
- 8. Responds to no and changes in tone of voice

### AGE 7 - 12 MONTHS

- 1. Understands no and hot
- 2. Responds to simple requests
- 3. Understands and responds to own name
- 4. Recognizes words for common items (e.g., cup, shoe, juice)
- 5. Waves bye-bye
- 6. Says Ma-ma or Da-da
- 7. Listens when spoken to
- 8. Has an expressive vocabulary of one to three words

***If your child is experiencing problems on this checklist, speech-language intervention may be helpful. Contact your local speech-language pathologist for more information at 985.449.0944.***