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connecting a child's mind and body

Preschool Speech/Language Preschool Skills Checklist

Child's Name:

School:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Date of Completion:

Informant:

OVERALL RED FLAGS:

- _ Any loss of speech, babbling or social skills at ANY age
- _ Does not appear to understand or hear speech
- _ Never gestures or imitates
- _ Does not develop words beyond repeating what others say, over and over
- _ Chronic hoarse or nasal voice quality

By 12 months:

- _ Not using sentence like intonation (jargon) with a variety of sounds (ex: "dadabugadada")
- _ Does not understand "no"
- _ Is not imitating some words, environmental sounds or animal noises
- _ Does not wave bye-bye
- _ Not saying at least 2 words (ex: da/dog)
- _ Does not acknowledge another's speech by eye contact, vocally responding or repeating a word

By 18 months:

- _ Not saying at least 20 words (ex: da/dog)
- _ Does not imitate words
- _ Doesn't understand simple commands (ex: Don't touch)
- _ Isn't able to point to basic objects/pictures when named
- _ Cannot point to at least 1-2 body parts

By 24 months:

- _ Speech is not at least 50% understandable
- _ Says fewer than 100 words
- _ Isn't joining two words together (ex: Mommie up, more cookie)
- _ Cannot point to pictures of items in a book
- _ Cannot point to 2-3 major body parts
- _ Doesn't pretend with toys (ex: feeding doll)

By 30 months:

- _ Leaving beginning and/or ending sounds off of words (ex: da/dog)
- _ Says fewer than 300 words
- _ Isn't using action words (ex: eat, run, etc)
- _ Isn't using some adult grammar (two babies, kitty sleeping)
- _ Not interested in simple stories
- _ Difficulty following 1-2 part directions

By 36 months:

- _ Speech is less than 90% understandable
- _ Isn't using p,b, m,d,n,h,t,k,g,w,ng,f,y sounds correctly
- _ Does not have a word for nearly everything (vocab of approx 800 words)
- _ Isn't speaking in sentences of 3-4 words
- _ Cannot answer yes/no and simple wh questions
- _ Stuttering behavior for more than 6 months

By 4 years:

- _ Speech is less than 90% understandable
- _ Not consistently combining 4+ words to form sentences
- _ Is not asking a variety of questions to gain information
- _ Has difficulty answering simple who, what, where, when, why questions
- _ Does not play cooperatively with other children

By 5 years:

- _ Has not mastered most sounds (other than r,th,s,l)
- _ Does not typically uses sentences of 4-8 words in length
- _ Does not talk about experiences
- _ Does not use grammatically correct sentences
- _ Unable to stay with an activity for at least 10 minutes
- _ Difficulty following two part, unrelated directions

Your child could benefit from speech/language therapy if any of these “red flags” are observed. Please contact us for more information:

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