

Developmental Red Flags
Birth – 12 months

Motor Concerns

- Child's muscles are very tight, stiff feeling**
- Child's muscles are very floppy as if the child is a rag doll**
- Child arches backwards when being held upright or when trying to roll on the floor.**
- Child keeps hands fisted, even when sleeping. Hands should be open by 3 months old.**
- Child does not use both hands in play equally.**
- Child is unable to hold bottle by 6 months old.**
- Child is unable to take baby food from a spoon without choking/gagging by 6 months old.**

Social/Emotional Concerns

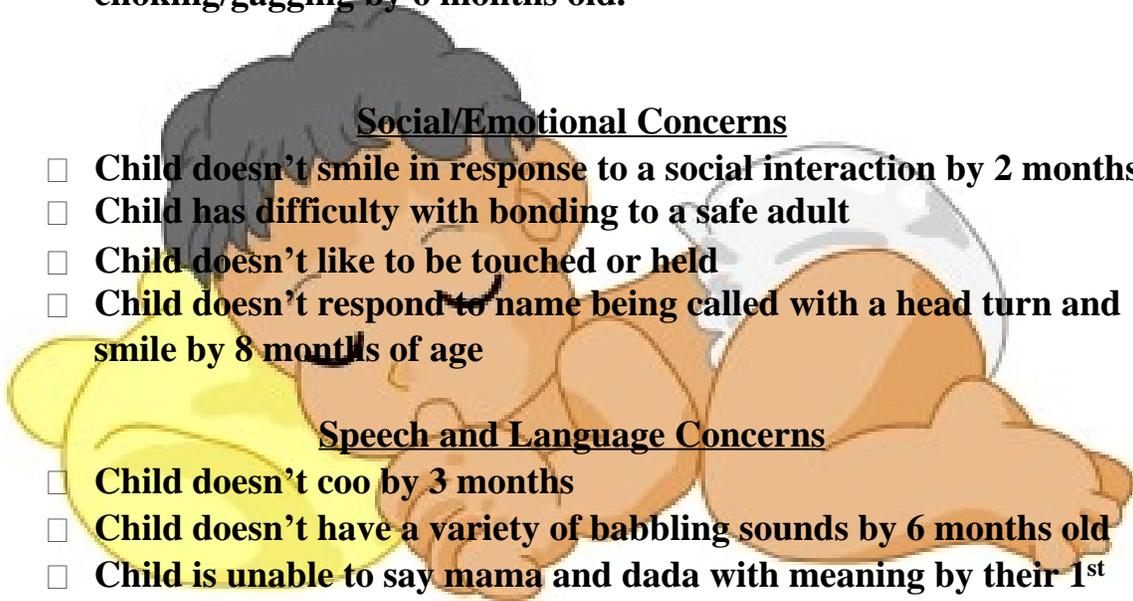
- Child doesn't smile in response to a social interaction by 2 months**
- Child has difficulty with bonding to a safe adult**
- Child doesn't like to be touched or held**
- Child doesn't respond to name being called with a head turn and smile by 8 months of age**

Speech and Language Concerns

- Child doesn't coo by 3 months**
- Child doesn't have a variety of babbling sounds by 6 months old**
- Child is unable to say mama and dada with meaning by their 1st birthday**

Vision Concerns

- The child turns or tilts head in unusual positions when looking at an object**
- The child may over-reach or under-reach for objects (accurate reaching usually occurs around 6 months).**
- Eyes jiggle and can't hold still, difficulty moving either or both eyes in all directions, or a pupil that appears white.**



Developmental Red Flags **12-24 months**

Motor Concerns

- W-Sits (legs in a W shape- knees in front of child, feet behind)**
- Toe walking**
- Clumsy & uncoordinated at 18 months**
- Is unable to take off most of his clothes by 24 months**

Social/Emotional Concerns

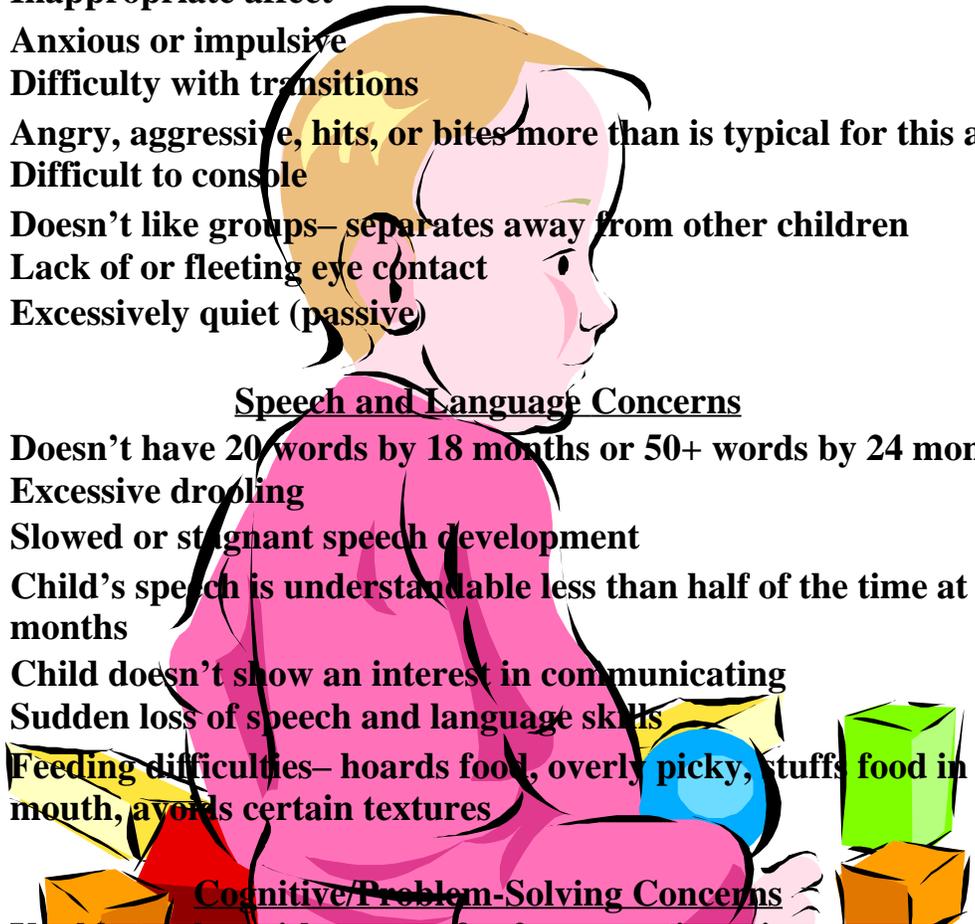
- Separation anxiety, clingy to one person to the point that the child is unable to play and explore.**
- Inappropriate affect**
- Anxious or impulsive**
- Difficulty with transitions**
- Angry, aggressive, hits, or bites more than is typical for this age**
- Difficult to console**
- Doesn't like groups– separates away from other children**
- Lack of or fleeting eye contact**
- Excessively quiet (passive)**

Speech and Language Concerns

- Doesn't have 20 words by 18 months or 50+ words by 24 months**
- Excessive drooling**
- Slowed or stagnant speech development**
- Child's speech is understandable less than half of the time at 24 months**
- Child doesn't show an interest in communicating**
- Sudden loss of speech and language skills**
- Feeding difficulties– hoards food, overly picky, stuffs food in her mouth, avoids certain textures**

Cognitive/Problem-Solving Concerns

- Unable to play with one toy for 2 consecutive minutes**
- Child's play with toys is repetitive, rather than functional**
- Child does not engage in pretend play activities**



Developmental Red Flags
24-36 months

Social/Emotional Concerns

- Lack of or over involvement in activities
- Inappropriate affect
- Anxious or impulsive
- Difficulty with transitions
- Difficult to console
- Doesn't like crowds
- Doesn't like to socialize with other children
- Lack of or fleeting or inappropriate contact
- Excessively quiet (or excessively loud)

Motor Concerns

- Twirling many times a day or for long periods
- Toe Walking
- W sitting

Speech and Language Concerns

- Can't name at least 3 body parts
- Doesn't ask questions
- Slowed or stagnant speech development
- Sudden loss of speech and language skills
- Child's speech is understandable less than 75% of the time @ 36 months
- Child does not speak in 2-3 word sentences consistently
- Stuttering

Cognitive/Problem-Solving Concerns

- Unable to play with one toy for 3-5 consecutive minutes
- Child's play with toys is repetitive, rather than functional
- Child does not enjoy positive praise for accomplished tasks –does not seek adult approval for accomplishments

