

Normal Developmental Tasks vs. Indicators of Concern

Stage of Development: Infancy (0-12 months)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify the indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Developmental Tasks	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attachment to caregiver● Rapid height and weight gain● Hearing well-developed● Grasps objects● Recognizes people and places● Cries to signal needs● Imitates speech sounds● Egocentric (no moral concept)	

Stage of Development: Toddlerhood (12-36 months)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Developmental Tasks	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Walking more coordinated● Manipulates small objects with improved coordination● Joins in play with familiar adults and siblings● Using and understanding more words● Understands causes and consequences● Learns to run, jump, hop and throw● Puts on and takes off some clothing	

Stage of Development: Early Childhood (3-6 years)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Developmental Tasks	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scribbles become pictures• Can use toilet• Wants answers to many questions• Counts up to small numbers• Understands colors• Understands taking turns• Forms first friendships• Interactive play increases	

Stage of Development: Middle Childhood (6-11 years)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Development	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fine motor skills become refined● Thoughts become more logical● Emotional intelligence develops● Has a special friend● Understands different perspectives● Understands need for rules and fair play● More responsible and independent● Self-esteem rises● Empathy improves	

Stage of Development: Early Adolescence (11-14 years)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Developmental Tasks	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Period of rapid skeletal and sexual maturation● Preoccupation with body image● Thinking less concrete, more abstract● Able to understand other's points of view● Doesn't like to communicate with adults● Enjoys talking with friends● May be demanding and defensive● Mood swings common	

Stage of Development: Adolescence (14-18 years)

Instructions: Review the normal developmental tasks and then identify indicators of concern for this stage of development.

Normal Developmental Tasks	Indicators of Concern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preoccupation with body image ● May enjoy debating and arguing ● Strong sense of awareness ● May question authority ● Enjoys talking to friends ● May complain that others don't understand ● Builds one's own identity ● Often seeks out separation from family members ● Interest in romantic relationships 	

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