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Houston**

2 MONTHS OR BEFORE

- Eye contact between 6 weeks to 3 months.
- Coos and grunts around 8 weeks.



**TRACK YOUR BABY AND
HELP THEM GROW, WATCH
TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY KNOW!**

HELP THEM GROW

- Talk, sing and coo back.
- Try not to look away until your baby does.

FOR YOU

- By 2 months, babies can see up to 18 inches away.
- Go to bit.ly/MaximizeLove and watch the video.

3-4 MONTHS

- Fascinated with their hands.
- Imitates facial expressions.

HELP THEM GROW

- Give your baby different things to feel and hold.
- Be silly with facial expressions.

FOR YOU

- Babies' brains develop through repetition.
- Go to bit.ly/TalkSingPoint and watch the video.

These are just a few of many important milestones. If you have any concerns, please speak with your child's doctor during their next visit.



7-9 MONTHS

- Experimenting becomes more obvious.
- Enjoys social games like peek-a-boo.

HELP THEM GROW

- Do chants like "head, shoulders, knees and toes."
- Encourage their repetitive testing, like dropping a toy.

FOR YOU

- Babbling requires using tongue and front of mouth.
- Go to bit.ly/CountGroup and watch the video.

HELP THEM GROW

- Use sentences when talking back to your baby.
- Talk about a favorite toy; place within reach.

5-6 MONTHS

- Initiates "talking" by babbling for attention.
- Begins reaching and grabbing.

Pick out books from the Welcome Baby 100 Great Books for Infants list. Most are available for free loan at your local library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT WELCOMEBABY@CMHOUSTON.ORG

10-12 MONTHS

- Gesturing to communicate with you.
- First word or progress toward a word.

HELP THEM GROW

- Help your baby complete words and sentences.
- Ask questions your baby can answer by pointing to an object.

FOR YOU

- Contact us on your child's first birthday. We will send you a free gift to celebrate.
- Go to bit.ly/DiscussStories and watch the video!

TALK, READ, PLAY... BUILDING BRAINS ALONG THE WAY

