

9-12 **MONTHS**

I Can.

- Crawl
- Stand
- Climb up and down stairs use my thumb well
- Show preference for one hand

You Can.

- Provide for my safety and plenty of movement
- Encourage me to walk

- Show a wide variety of emotions and respond to those of others
- Fear strangers and new faces
- Show affection
- Shows moods and preferences
- Feed myself and help dress myself
- Obey commands
- Seek approval, but not always cooperative

- Provide for self-help skills
- Acknowledge my possessions and help protect them
- Give approval
- Set reasonable limits give choices
- Help me accept and deal with fears and frustrations
- Encourage self-help skills

- Good at finding hidden objects
- Remember more things
- Solve problems
- Use trial and error method
- Explore new approaches to problems
- Imitate people who are not present

- Promote problem solving
- Provide other infants for me to play with
- Set up environments so I can see new ways to use toys and equipment



• Begin to sound like I speak your language

Know words stand for objects

• Use gestures to express myself

Language

Physical

Emotional

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Social

Intellectual

- Give me simple instructions
- Play games with me, sing songs and do finger plays
- Encourage expression of feelings

Toys and Equipment that Will Assist Me in My Development

- Big, open space indoors and outdoors to crawl and to practice walking
- Objects to manipulate, explore, experiment with, and carry around
- Household objects
- Large beads, large Lego blocks, small building blocks, stacking cones, wooden trains
- Toy telephones, doll, and books
- Music and musical instruments