

RED FLAGS

For early child development



If a parent has questions or concerns about their child's development, a referral can be made to Central Intake for Audiology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, and/or Speech-Language Pathology.

Feeding Safety

- Gagging, coughing or choking when eating or drinking
- Difficulty with texture progression

Hearing

- Does not notice or respond to loud sounds
- Does not babble or talk
- Speech is difficult to understand
- Does not follow simple directions

Muscle Tone

- Limbs are stiff or baby appears floppy
- There is a preference for one side (reaching with right arm only)

Speech & Language Development

- Not using single words by 18 months old
- Not using two words together by 2 years of age

Motor Skills

- Not sitting independently by 6 months
- Not crawling by 12 months
- Not walking independently by 18 months

Play Skills

- Plays repetitively with objects
- Does not play with toys in an age-appropriate manner

If a child is 5 years of age or under, has not started kindergarten, and has delay in more than one area of development, consider referral to Child Development Clinic or a General Pediatrician.

Social Interaction

- Does not respond to their name
- Eye contact is limited
- Does not imitate simple actions like waving
- Does not give or share objects
- Shows little interest in children