

Fact sheet for parents worried that their child has a developmental delay

By around the same age, most babies and children learn to:

- smile
- roll over
- start to walk
- start to talk.

This fact sheet explains developmental delay, which is when a child takes longer than expected to learn one or more of these skills. Some children may be slow to learn one skill. Other children may be slow to learn several skills.

The fact sheet says that you should talk to your local doctor or child and family health nurse if you are worried about your baby. The fact sheet shares resources and other information that can help.

Children who get the right help quickly have better outcomes. Better outcomes means that they face less challenges in the future.

The fact sheet is not written in easy language. If you cannot understand the fact sheet, you could ask a family member or support worker to read it with you.

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