

# SOCIAL PLAY DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

## 0-6 months

- responds to voice/sound
- establishes eye contact
- recognizes familiar faces
- smiles in response to speech
- watches speaker's face when spoken to

## 6-12 months

- uses babbling + maintains eye contact to gain attention
- tries to communicate with actions/gestures
- imitates simple actions
- searches for hidden objects
- laughs when playing with objects
- engages in social games (i.e. peek-a-boo)

## 1 to 2 years

- waves or vocalizes "hi" and "bye"
- establishes joint attention (i.e. repeats actions for laughter)

## 1 to 2 years cont.

- requests assistance
- pairs gestures with words to comment + request
- initiates turn-taking
- engages in parallel and functional play
- uses two objects together in play

## 2 to 3 years

- engages in pretend play (i.e. feeding baby, "conversation" with toys)
- participates in social exchanges (i.e. high fives, knuckles)
- shows interest in peers + joins in play
- joins in simple group activities
- uses "please" for polite requests
- repairs conversation

## 3 to 4 years

- separates from primary caregiver easily
- takes turns/shares toys with peers

# SOCIAL PLAY DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST CONT.

## 3 to 4 years cont.

- begins dramatic play (i.e. acting out scenes)
- requests with more flexibility (i.e. "can you...?")
- offers solutions to problems
- reads facial cues (i.e. happy, sad, scared)
- remembers and gives details of past experiences

**4 to 5 years**

- shares feelings + expresses opinions more regularly
- predicts outcomes in stories
- requests other to play
- speaks of imaginary conditions (i.e. "what if..." or "I hope...")
- use indirect requests (i.e. "I'm thirsty" to request a drink)

## 5 to 6 years

- begins to make promises and threats
- may praise others
- ask meaning of words
- asks questions for information
- chooses own friends

## 5 to 6 years cont.

- shows more interest in communication with unfamiliar people
- engages in cooperative play, such as making group decisions, assigning roles + playing fairly

## NOTES

If you have questions or concerns about your child's social play development, we recommend consulting with your primary doctor or scheduling a consultation to discuss and determine next best steps for your family.

Resources: ASHA Speech and Language Development Chart; Linguisystems Guide to Communication Milestones