

# Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress

**The Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPs) show you learning goals for infants, toddlers and preschool age children. High-quality early childhood programs use the ECIPs in their classes for young children. The ECIPs are what is expected for children to know and do at each age. The ECIPs align with Minnesota's K-12 academic standards. As a parent, you play an important role and you can use this information to help your child learn and in time, be ready for school.**

## Studies show that:

Your child grows and changes quickly - in the first three years of your child's life much growth & development takes place.

Many skills are developing all at the same time.

Development happens in predictable patterns, and your child will develop at her own speed.

Children of the same age are often at different places in their learning. Knowledge of how children grow, develop and learn is important in setting goals.

Your young child learns through play; play with you, others, & by exploring her world.

Families are a child's first and most important caregivers and teachers.

Growth & Development supports learning. Make sure to take your child for well-child exams, dental exams and shots on the schedule your health provider recommends. Make sure your child's hearing and vision are checked at a preschool screening or by your health care provider.

Families, cultures, communities & other factors influence your child's learning & development.

Loving care helps build trusting relationships.

For more information on your young child, visit: [parentsknow.state.mn.us](http://parentsknow.state.mn.us)

