

Activities

to try with your preschooler

- ❑ Encourage your preschooler to **tell you a story**. Together, make a picture of the story.
- ❑ Help your child **make a puppet** using socks or paper bags, and put on a puppet show.
- ❑ Give your preschoolers a **simple chore**, like setting a table, dusting a shelf, making a bed. Praise all efforts!
- ❑ **Cut pictures out of magazines** to make different types of theme “books,” such as animals, food, shapes or colors.
- ❑ Set up an **obstacle course** for your preschooler.
- ❑ Give your preschooler a **pail of water and a large paintbrush** to “paint the sidewalk,” the fence or the side of the house.
- ❑ **Play table games** that encourage turn taking, such as *Candyland* or *Chutes and Ladders*.
- ❑ Give **two simple directions**, such as “Get a spoon,” then “Put the spoon on the table.” Gradually increase to three directions at a time, then four.

If your child struggles to play with you and follow directions on any of the above activities, it may be time to evaluate his/her development. Call our team for your free pre-screening at 484-237-5150.

About Us

Our team of expert staff is dedicated to helping your preschooler reach his or her full potential. Parents and families are our partner in this endeavor and we look forward to working together with you to improve your child’s development.

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CONCERNED

about your child's development?

Your preschooler may qualify for free services.



The earlier, the better.

While every child grows and learns at his or her own pace, a free screening may help detect the early signs of a developmental delay. Seeking help *before* your child is school-aged can make a big difference in his/her future. If you have concerns about your child's development, *(s)he may qualify for free services.*



"Children affected by risk factors such as special needs are more likely to enter school behind their peers and benefit most from quality early experiences." - HighScope.org

About The Program

Preschool Services for ages 3-5

It is our mission to ensure every preschool child is on track for success. If you are concerned about your preschooler's development, we provide free screenings for speech, language, fine and gross motor skills, vision and hearing.

When screenings indicate the need for further assessment, a more comprehensive evaluation will be done with parental approval. If a child is found to need Special Education Preschool Services, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed and appropriate services are arranged.

These services are provided free of charge to children and their families who reside in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Your child may be struggling with:

TALKING if they:

- cannot say "mama" and "dada" by age 1;
- cannot say the names of a few toys and people by age 2;
- are not talking in three or four word sentences by age 3;
- are not understood by people outside the family by age 4;
- do not make up a short story and tell it by age 5.

HEARING if they:

- do not turn to face the source of strange sounds or voices by six months of age;
- talk in a very loud or very soft voice;
- do not respond when you call from another room;
- turn the same ear toward a sound s/he wishes to hear.

MOVING if they:

- are unable to sit up without support by age 1;
- cannot walk without help by age 2;
- do not walk up and down steps by age 3;
- cannot balance on one foot for a short time by age 4;
- cannot throw a ball overhand and catch a large ball bounced by age 5.

SEEING if they:

- are often unable to locate and pick up small objects;
- frequently rub their eyes or complain that they hurt;
- hold their head in a strained or awkward position (tilts head to either side, thrusts head forward or backward) when trying to look at a person or object.

PLAYING if they:

- do not play games such as "peek-a-boo" and "pat-a-cake" or wave "bye-bye" by age 1;
- do not imitate parents doing routine household chores by age 2 to 3;
- do not enjoy playing alone with toys, pots and pans by age 3;
- do not play group games, such as hide-and-seek, tag or ball with other children by age 4;
- do not share and take turns by age 5.

THINKING if they:

- do not react to their name when called by age 1;
- are unable to identify hair, eyes, ears, nose and mouth by pointing to them by age 2;
- do not understand simple stories by age 3;
- do not give reasonable answers to such questions as "What do you do when you are sleepy?" or "What do you do when you are hungry?" by age 4;
- do not understand the meaning of the words "today," "tomorrow," or "yesterday" by age 5.

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