Larimer County Age Anchoring Tool

Outcome 3:

Taking Appropriate Actions to Meet Needs....

Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by....

0-3 Months

- Hands begin to open more and rest in open position
- Holds small objects or toys when placed in hand
- Follows moving object in range of 30 degrees either side of midline (object 10-12" away from baby's face
- Responds to loud noise with startle or upset
- Responds to human voice more readily than any other sound
- Begins to produce different cries for different reasons
- Turning head to either side when lying on back
- Rooting-reflexive turning of mouth toward hand rubbing cheek
- Lifting and rotating head when lying on tummy or when held at shoulder

7-9 Months

- Holds an object in each hand and bangs them together
- Reaches for objects with either hand, one at a time, when lying on tummy
- Rakes at tinier objects with fingers
- Turns to look when name is called
- Begins to imitate sounds, often in turntaking, conversational way
- Moves body to music
- Shows desire to get to things that are not within reach
- Rolling in both directions and may use sequential rolling to get somewhere
- Crawling on belly using both arms and legs symmetrically to propel 3+ feet
- Pulls up into standing position when helped with your hands and supports all of weight on legs

13-18 Months

- Able to pick up objects of all sorts of sizes and weights using either hand and precision with fingers
- Removes objects while holding on to container
- Places objects into large containers
- Uses wider variety of gestures to communicate wants and needs
- Begins to say words for the most familiar thing or people
- Follows simple directions, i.e. "Let's go to the kitchen.", "Find your shoes."
- Can correctly match sound to object, i.e. doorbell, telephone
- Stands without support for brief periods
- Walks independently with good quality, needs guidance to ascend/descend stairs on feet
- Climbs up on couch or chair
- Removes loose clothing partially or completely

25 - 30 Months

- Opens doors by handle/knob
- Turning knobs on objects like radio or TV
- Catching ball (by trapping against body) when playing with adult or peer
- Knows where things are kept
- Puts things away to help clean up
- Uses non-verbal gestures and body language to express needs and feelings (hugs, hands on hips, etc.)
- Progressively more articulate with language to express thoughts and desires
- Walks up steps, alternating feet while holding rail or hand for support
- Sits on riding toys and pushes with feet; may ride tricycle
- Swings leg to kick stationary ball
- Plays on outdoor play structures (climbing, sliding)
- Attempts to jump with two feet together
- Puts on socks, coat and shirt

31 - 36 Months

- Can problem solve and carry out a plan for getting something they need or want, i.e. while mom is distracted, gets forbidden marker out of desk drawer; prepares own simple snack like getting crackers and putting in bowl.
- Follows simple rules
- Separates easily from mother in familiar environment
- Hops in place on one foot (either foot) three time without losing balance
- Stands on one foot (either foot) for three seconds
- Jumps over object, i.e. string/rope, that is two inches high
- Walks upstairs alternating feet
- Walks downstairs four steps without support, placing both feet on each step
- Can dress and undress independently, including unbuttoning buttons, with few exceptions
- Asserts food preferences and recognizes what they are and are not allowed to eat
- Gets drink from fountain
- Follows basic health practices when reminded (washing/drying hands, brushing teeth)

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Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by....

Birth - 3 Months (continued)

- Primary Standingmoving legs into extension for weight bearing when held upright (standing height) with feet contacting surface
- Walking-reflexive stepping when held upright with feet contacting surface, lifts feet alternatively in walking-like motion
- Kicks feet in bicycle motion when lying on back

4-6 Months

- Brings hands together in midline over chest when lying on back, i.e. places hands on bottle while eating, playing with own hands held together over chest
- Begins to reach and grasp or bat at objects, shakes or bangs toys on surface
- Brings objects to mouth, i.e. toys, pacifier, bottle (when not so full)
- Moves objects back and forth from one hand to the other

7-9 Months (continued)

- Sitting on own once placed in that position to play
- Begins to participate when being dressed, pulls off socks or hat
- Grabs for spoon/cup when being fed

10-12 Months

- Points with index finger and activates toys using one finger
- Begins to develop more refined grasp using tips of finger and thumb to pick up much smaller things with precision
- Learns to voluntarily let go of what is being held, may throw objects
- Raises arms up when wanting to be picked up
- Expresses full range of emotion including resistive behavior
- Raises self to sitting position
- Creeps on hands and knees to get around
- Pulls up on furniture
- Cruises along furniture and/or walks with hands-on help

13-18 Months (continued)

- Practices using childsized fork and spoon to eat (non-liquids)
- Tries to help with tooth brushing

19-24 Months

- Tries to take things apart
- May enjoy marking/ drawing on paper with crayons or other writing tools
- Begins to place objects in containers with smaller openings
- Uses two word utterances, plus gestures, to express wants and needs
- Can answer questions with "yes" or "no" using head shake, gestures or words
- Expresses need for independence with doing things on own or asks for help when needed
- Follows 2 or 3 step directions
- Likes to imitate adult actions especially to "help out"

25 - 30 Months (continued)

- Takes off own shoes, socks, and some pants as well as other unfastened garments
- Uses fork to spear bite sized chunks of food
- Knows which faucet is hot and cold
- Washes self in bath
- Interested in trying potty while still predominantly wearing diapers

31 - 36 Months

- Verbalizes toilet needs fairly consistently
- Shows daytime control of toileting needs with occasional accidents