Support the social-emotional development of your child, from 2- to 60-months old, by checking for these important milestones.

2 Month Milestones
Your baby...
- lets you know she is happy by cooing, smiling, laughing, and gurgling.
- likes to play with her fingers, hands, feet, and toes.
- looks at your face and may look in your eyes, but only for a few seconds at first.

6 Month Milestones
Your baby...
- responds to your affection and may begin to show you signs of affection.
- sometimes sucks on her fingers and hands to calm down.
- will sometimes stop crying when you talk to him rather than pick him up.

12 Month Milestones
Your baby...
- shows many emotions, such as happiness, sadness, anger, and discomfort.
- responds differently to strangers than she does to family members and friends.
- imitates other children and adults. She may imitate sounds, actions, and facial expressions.

18 Month Milestones
Your toddler...
- is generally happy and smiles at other people, including other children.
- enjoys playing near other children but not with them quite yet.
- is showing different emotions, such as fear, guilt, sympathy, modesty, or embarrassment.

24 Month Milestones
Your toddler...
- likes to imitate you, other adults, and her friends.
- likes to use the words mine, no, and me do it.
- enjoys simple pretend play. He may like pretending to cook or talk on the telephone.

30 Month Milestones
Your child...
- greets familiar adults and is happy to see friends.
- likes to be loved and cuddled—but not in the middle of playtime.
- is getting louder and bossier at times. He may talk with a loud, urgent voice.

36 Month Milestones
Your child...
- uses imagination to create stories through pretend play.
- can sometimes use her words to express her feelings.
- is learning to follow simple rules, although he sometimes needs gentle reminders.

48 Month Milestones
Your child...
- now understands short and simple rules at home.
- loves silly jokes and has a sense of humor.
- is beginning to share. He takes turns but is possessive of his favorite toys.

60 Month Milestones
Your child...
- may play with small groups of children at the park or at school.
- now plays simple games such as Candy Land and Go Fish.
- is beginning to understand the meaning of right and wrong. She does not always do what is right, though.