

Child Communication Checklist

Check off all the ways your child communicates.

Facial Expressions and Eye Gaze

- Looking toward items or people
- Using facial expressions
- Imitating facial expressions

Producing Sounds

- Varying their cries for different reasons (when hungry, tired, sick, etc.)
- Vocalizing (making vowel sounds) and babbling (making consonants too)
- Making environmental sounds like car sounds or animal sounds

Using Their Body

- Reaching toward items
- Retrieving objects on their own
- Leading others by the hand to items they want

Gesturing

- Waving in response to hi/bye
- Pointing
- Shaking their head to indicate yes/no

Repeating

- Imitating gestures and/or signs
- Imitating sounds
- Imitating verbal words

Producing Words (including signs and AAC)

- Spontaneously using sign language
- Spontaneously saying verbal words and/or 2-3 word utterances
- Spontaneously using AAC such as selecting icons on an AAC device