

2-3 years old

In the first five years of life, my brain grows faster than at any other stage. I learn and develop through play and interaction.

Some things you can do to help my brain keep growing well:

- provide me with warm, friendly relationships, read and talk with me
- bond with me by smiling, playing, talking and cuddling
- spend time with me, we will build a connection which is important for me to thrive

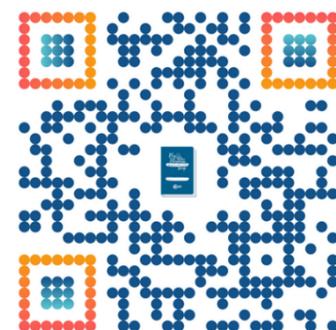
Some things I may be doing are:

- speaking simple sentences
- understanding most of what you say
- asking lots of questions
- drawing, joining the dots
- running and learning to climb stairs

Talk to our Maternal, Child and Family Health nurse/midwife or doctor if I am NOT:

- speaking clearly enough for others to understand
- understanding simple instructions
- playing with other children
- making eye contact
- showing emotions or feelings

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Some ideas for how you can spend time with me:

- read books with me everyday
- allow me to try things by myself
- support me to ride a balance bike or tricycle
- encourage me to play with other children
- allow me lots of outdoor play
- take me to playgroup so I can be around other children
- enrol me in a pre-school program

Don't forget to look after yourself. If you're happy and healthy it helps me to be happy and healthy as well.

Child Health Checks

Please take me to my health checks

You will find information on all 9 of my health checks in my Blue Book. This is my personal health record. My Blue Book has health information to help you track my immunisations, growth, and development. To book my next health check or immunisation call

Central Health Intake



02 5124 9977

Keep me up to date with my immunisations

Keep me protected against common infectious diseases. The Immunisation Record in my Blue Book will tell you what immunisations I need from birth to 4 years. You can book me in for my immunisations through Central Health Intake.

Child and Family Centres

If you want to speak with someone about my health, wellbeing, learning and development, the Child and Family Centres offer free support for families and carers.

West Belconnen



02 6205 2904

Tuggeranong



02 6207 8228

Gungahlin



02 6207 0120

Child health and development services

There are lots of services you can contact to help support me as I grow.

Early Parenting Support line



02 5124 1775

Child Development Service



02 6207 8884

EACH - NDIS Partner



1300 003 224

Raising Children Network



raisingchildren.net.au

First Nations Organisations

I can have a free health check every year under Medicare, and so can you. Ask your doctor about it.

Winnunga Nimmityjah



02 6284 6222

Yerrabi Yurwang



0400 123 258

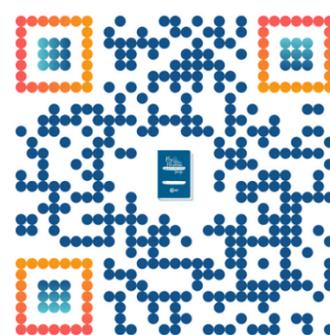
Gugan Gulwan



02 6296 8900

Scan to find useful resources that support child health & development.

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