

REFERRING TODDLERS, AGED 18 - 24 MONTHS, FOR SPEECH

Anecdotally, Emerge is seeing an increase in toddlers coming to the clinic with delayed language. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever "wait and see" is not enough.



Feeding

Toddlers should

- no longer be bottle feeding
- be able to self-feed
- eat a variety of foods

Intelligibility:

- By 24 months caregivers should be able to understand 50% of what a child says.
- They should have strong productions of the following consonants: p, b, m, h, w
- They should have the following consonants emerging: k, g, d, t, f, n

Receptive Language:

Toddlers should

- be able to follow simple 1 step (at 18m.) and 2 step (at 24m.) directions
- be able to point to a few body parts
- point to pictures named in books

Vocabulary:

At 18 months a toddler should

- have 50 words
- be putting some 2-word phrases together

At 24 months a toddler should

- have 200-300
- begin creating 3 word phrases

Social Skills:

Toddlers should

- talk to themselves in play
- wave hello/bye
- use intonation in their voice
- refer to themselves by name
- engage in basic pretend play



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