

NEWSLETTER

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Starting Solid Food -
4 Signs That Your Baby Is Ready

(Click the link below.)



Reminder

Attention Early Intervention Families If you have a parent fee, please remember to pay it each month.

Your bill will come by the method you selected. Either in an email from no_reply@utah.gov or as a letter.

We love serving you and your family!



Home Depot Donated project kits to our Early Head Start program. We had a great turnout at our socialization activity. Fathers attended and they enjoyed doing the workshop kit with their little ones.



Speech & Hearing Month: Language Grows in Everyday Moments

May is Speech & Hearing Month, a time to celebrate how young children learn to communicate. In Early Intervention, communication is supported by a whole team—including Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs) and Early Interventionists—who work together to build language during everyday routines.

The best part?

- ▶ You don't need to go out and buy special toys or materials.
- ▶ Your daily routines are already full of opportunities to build language.

Early Interventionists naturally incorporate language strategies into play, meals, and daily activities. With support from SLPs, they model simple, effective techniques like talking through routines, following a child's lead, and giving children time to respond. This team approach helps children learn that communication happens all day long—not just during “therapy time.”

Simple Ways to Build Language at Home

These small strategies, used consistently, make a big difference.

- Talk about what you're doing (“Pouring milk!”)
- Follow your child's lead in play
- Repeat and expand what your child says (“Ball!” → “Big ball!”)
- Pause and wait to give your child a turn
- Use songs, books, and gestures to make learning fun

Try This at Home This Week

Choose one to focus on:

- Read one favorite book every day
- Sing a song with actions
- Pause for 5 seconds after you speak
- Label objects during routines like meals or bath time

When to Ask for Support

Talk with your provider if your child:

- Is not babbling by 12 months
- Has few words by 18 months
- Is hard to understand or not following simple directions



Early support can make a meaningful difference.

This month, we celebrate the small, everyday moments that help children learn to connect and communicate.

For more information, check out these sites.

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
- Division for Early Childhood (DEC) Recommended Practices
- CDC “Learn the Signs. Act Early.”

MAY IS NATIONAL HEARING MONTH

Did you know...Approximately 3 out of every 1,000 babies have a significant hearing problem at birth?

It is important to pay attention to your child's development and get his or her hearing tested if you have concerns.



An infant with normal hearing should be able to do the following:

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Around two months of age

- Startles to loud sound
- Quiets to familiar voices
- Makes vowel sounds like "ohh"

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Around four months of age

- Looks for sound sources
- Starts babbling
- Makes squeals and chuckles

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Around six months of age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Begins to imitate speech sound
- Babbles sounds like "ba-ba"

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Around nine months of age

- Imitates speech sounds of others
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Turns head toward soft sounds

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Around 12 months of age

- Correctly uses "ma-ma" or "da-da"
- Gives toy when asked
- Responds to singing or music

Family Story

One of our biggest challenges was that she had difficulty walking and talking. However, with the help of DDI Vantage, she was able to become more comfortable at home where she began to open up and showed her happiness through sweet and kind actions.

DDI Vantage was able to support our family through home visits, where we created and met goals, planned future milestones, and increased her knowledge. I was able to see a big differences in saying more sentences, knowing her shapes, and identifying colors!



- Anglesey Family 



Sugarhouse Park
1330 East 2100 South
Salt Lake City



Great Parks For Toddlers



Big Bear Park
930 Onyx Lane
Sandy



Oquirrh Park
5624 Cougar Lane
Kearns



Wild West Park
1825 West 8000 South
West Jordan



Parley's Way Park
2848 Wilshire Drive
Salt Lake City



Fitts Park
3050 S 500 E
South Salt Lake



East Riverfront Park
10991 South Riverfront Parkway
South Jordan



Magna Regional Park
4042 South 7200 West
Magna



Skyline Park
90 N Main Street, Tooele



Jordan Landing Park & Splashpad
3781 W Center Park Drive
West Jordan



Murray Park Toddler Town
272 E Murray Park Ave.
Murray



HAPPY SPRING

crafting IDEAS



School Time Snippets



Sugar Aunts

Let's Go For A picnic

Spring is the perfect time to go on a picnic!!

Need easy food ideas for your toddlers?

[Pictures from https://eastcheshire.mumbler.co.uk/easy-picnic-foods-for-kids/](https://eastcheshire.mumbler.co.uk/easy-picnic-foods-for-kids/)



Banana and Peanut
Butter Wraps



Fruit Kebabs



Dips / Veggies / Hummus
in a muffin tin for easy grabbing

