

## ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT FROM BIRTH TO 12 MONTHS

## BIRTH TO 4 MONTHS

- 1. Get into a routine eat, sleep, play, repeat
- 2. Talk and sing to your child
- 3. Play simple games
- 4. Smile back when he or she smiles at you
- 5. Place your child in different positions regularly, e.g. tummy time



## 4 TO 8 MONTHS

- 1. Mimic your child's sounds and actions
- 2. Play games
- 3. Tickle and laugh with your child
- 4. Read them books with simple, bright pictures





- 1. Take turns in playing simple games
- 2. Place a toy out of reach and encourage them to crawl or walk to it
- 3. Give your child finger foods, using different tastes and textures
- 4. Give them space to crawl and pull themselves up on furniture

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