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### **18 Months**

- Uses simple objects appropriately (e.g. hits pegs with play hammer) Y  N
- Imitates adult actions (e.g. pretends to sweep, wipes table) Y  N
- Points to pictures that *you name* in books (e.g. "doggie, ball, baby") Y  N
- Names at least ten objects, actions and familiar people (e.g. cookie, shoe, go, all done, mommy,daddy) Y  N
- Asks *you* to tell him/her the names of objects and pictures (e.g. "what's that?") Y  N
- Shakes or nods head in response to simple yes/no questions and says "no" to some questions Y  N
- Points to major body parts when asked (e.g. hands, legs, head) Y  N
- Uses words more often than gestures to communicate Y  N
- Makes animal sounds during play activities Y  N
- Refers to self by name Y  N
- Talks as if he/she is reading while looking at picture books Y  N
- Imitates what you say without struggling to form the sounds Y  N
- Uses vowel sounds accurately Y  N
- Uses at least "m, p, n, w, th, t" and "d" in his/her speech Y  N
- You* understand most of your child's speech Y  N
- Increases his/her amount of talking as activity level increases Y  N

If your child is not demonstrating the above developmental skills, consultation is recommended with a private, licensed, speech language pathologist. A simple phone call may determine if a screening test is needed or if your child needs in-depth diagnostic testing. It is better to call now than to "wait and worry." Most often, guidance or short term intervention is all that is needed to prevent future problems from developing. Contact us to schedule a no cost phone conference.