



**Family
Engagement in
Early Care and
Education**

A Relationship-Based Approach to Family Engagement Learning Activity: Child Development and Culture



Objective

The purpose of this activity is to discover that people may have different ideas about when children will do specific activities and skills, based on their cultural beliefs.

Instructions

1. Think about your own upbringing, children you know, and experiences you have had. In the table below, write the age that children typically demonstrate or develop the given skills.

SKILL	AGE
Feed themselves	
Take first steps	
Calm themselves when angry	
Understand spoken language	
Sleep by themselves	
Learn to read	
Take turns	
Talk about feelings	
Follow directions	
Coo at a caregiver	
Use the toilet independently	

Learning Activity: Child Development and Culture

2. Find a partner. Consider the following questions:

- Were your answers similar to your partner's?
- What did you learn related to your ideas about child development?
- What experiences or thoughts influenced your answers? In what ways were those experiences or thoughts the same as your partner's? In what ways were they different?

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