

Children grow and change very quickly. How they speak, play and act give you important clues about your child's development.

## *Clues and Cues — 6 Months*

By 6 months of age, does your child:

### **Language:**

- Have a “conversation” with you by babbling
- Vocalize pleasure and displeasure (i.e. squeal with excitement and grunt or cry in anger)

### **Cognitive (thinking, learning, problem-solving):**

- Look in the direction of new sounds
- Respond to own name

### **Social/Emotional:**

- Smile and babble when given adult attention
- Seem to understand some words: daddy & bye-bye

### **Physical (movement):**

- Push up on hands when on tummy
- Pat and pull at your hair, glasses, face, beard, moustache
- Sit with support
- Roll from stomach to back and from back to stomach

How can dad help with his child's development?

- ✓ Imitate the sounds I make and try to use a sing-song voice, I love your voice.
- ✓ Show me the actions for waving bye-bye & blowing kisses and I will imitate.
- ✓ Place me on my tummy and use a toy to encourage me to push myself up on my hands.
- ✓ Help me play: Prop me up in corner of couch or on the floor with pillows or blankets and put toys just out of reach.
- ✓ Comfort me: rocking me, holding me close, talking in a soothing, soft voice.
- ✓ I still like quiet time, hugs, and holds.

If you have questions or concerns about any activity for your child contact a health care or child care professional.

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