Larimer County Age Anchoring Tool

Outcome 2:

Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills....

Children demonstrate age appropriate functioning by....

Birth - 3 Months

- Lifts head while on tummy
- Clasping hands together and hands to mouth
- Grasping finger if placed in palm
- Kicking legs while lying on back
- Begins cooing

4-6 months

- Beginning to reach for objects
- Looking to place on body where being touched
- Trying to cause things to happen such as kicking a mobile and smiling
- Dropping a ball and observing the fall
- Developing more precise imitation skills of facial movements and speech sounds
- Securing an object that is partially hidden with a cloth
- Pushing up through extended arms while on tummy

7-9 Months

- Shows desire to get to things that are not within reach
- Sitting unsupported while playing with toys
- Plays 2-3 minutes with a single toy
- Reaching for and grasping blocks or other small toys
- Reaching for objects while on tummy

10-12 months

- Pointing with index finger
- Imitating behaviors initiated by caregiver (playing peek-a-boo; smiling and laughing during turn-taking; or attempting to name pictures and objects)
- Banging blocks and other small toys together
- Repeatedly throwing or dropping objects to watch the movement
- Stirring with a spoon in a cup
- Banging a spoon on inverted cup or tabletop

13-18 Months

- Explores the environment independent of caregiver
- Turning the pages in a book
- Looking at, pointing to, and naming pictures in a book
- Imitating scribbling motions
- Initiating familiar turntaking routines
- Begins to imitate sounds often, in turn taking conversational way
- Pointing to two action words in pictures
- Pointing to, showing, and giving an object
- Handing a toy to an adult for assistance

19-24 months

- Identifying six body parts
- Choosing two familiar objects upon request
- Sorts objects by type (i.e. kitchen vs. animals)
- Can follow two different directions with a toy (i.e. put it in, turn it over, etc)

25 - 30 Months

- Liking to take things apart and put them together again (puzzles, toys)
- Following caregiver around the house and copying domestic activities in simultaneous play
- Identifying boy or girl in picture book
- Making doll/toy act on self as though capable of performing actions independent of child (placing brush in doll's arms, than moving the doll's arm as if doll is combing hair)
- Communicating about the actions of others
- Answering simple "what", "where" questions about familiar people or things
- Asking increasing numbers of questions ("where/what")
- Understanding negatives (no, not, can't, don't)
- Formulating negative judgments ("spoon, not fork")
- Recognizes at least one color correctly

31 - 36 Months

- Understanding concepts of "mine" and "his/hers"
- Telling gender when asked
- Sometimes labeling and talking about own drawings when asked
- Giving first and last name when asked
- Using several verb forms correctly to describe a variety of actions (i.e. ing, ed)
- Expanding use of prepositions (under, in front of, behind)
- Understanding common adjectives of color, size, and shape
- Showing interest in explanations that involve "why" and "how"
- Using 4 to 6 word phrases or sentences
- Making negative statements ("Can't open it," "Don't touch")
- Beginning to use contractions (can't, we'll, won't)
- Using some plural forms correctly in speech
- Using the past tense
- Dictating a story for adult to write out

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4-6 Months (continued)

- Repeating arm movements to keep a toy activated, keep mom singing, or causal event
- Visually studies hands and objects, looks at mirror image

10-12 Months (continued)

- Demonstrates emerging problem solving skills such as (placing objects in the mouth and mouthing; pushing or pulling adult's hands to have a behavior instigated or repeated; turning a picture or mirror over to view the functional side; rotating threedimensional objects to view the functional side; using a hammer or stick to play a xylophone
- Singing along with a familiar song
- Using gestures and/or vocalizing (grunts/whines) to protest
- Shouting or vocalizing to gain attention
- Responding to a request to "come here"
- Maintaining attention to speaker
- Responding with gesture to "come up" or "want up"

19-24 Months (continued)

- Asking "What's that?"
- Demonstrating symbolic play, using one object as a signifier for another object
- Attempting to repair broken toys
- Choosing one object from a group of five upon verbal request
- Stacking 5 or 6 blocks
- Using two word utterance sometimes combined with gestures, to communicate
- Using three-word phrases occasionally
- Imitating words overheard in conversation
- Naming 5 to 7 objects upon request
- Using new words regularly (adding 2 to 5 words a week)
- Spontaneously naming objects, person, and actions
- Following novel commands
- Tells about a personal experience

25-30 Months (continued)

- Understanding simple possessive forms (daddy's shirt)
- Understanding complex sentences ("when we get to the store, I'll buy you an ice cream cone")
- Pointing to smaller parts of the body when asked (chin, elbow)
- Recognizing and identifying general family names/categories (Grandma, Uncle)
- Recognizing the names and pictures of most common objects
- Understanding word association through functional association ("what do you drink with?", "What do you sleep on?", "What do you brush your teeth with?")
- Understanding size difference (little dog, large dog)
- Following directions involving common prepositions (in, on, behind, out)
- Enjoying finger plays (songs and games that use hands)

31-36 Months (continued)

- Performing multi-step tasks when playing (takes money, rings cash register, puts money in drawer)
- Beginning to use inductive reasoning (if you do this, that happens)
- Expressing understanding of cause and effect (it's quiet because you turned off the music)
- Copying a circle
- Drawing a simple face
- Matching three colors
- Matching objects by color, shape and size

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Acquiring and Using Knowled Children demonstrate age ap 4-6 Months (continued)	Depropriate functioning by 10-12 Months (continued) Waving in response to "bye-bye" Saying "mama" or "dada" meaningfully Imitating consonant and vowel combinations Imitating non-speech sounds Vocalizing with intent frequently Using a word to call a person Giving objects upon verbal request Performing a routine activity upon verbal	19-24 Months (continued) Referring to self by name Using early pronouns occasionally Engaging in adult-like dialogue Uses speech understood by others 50% of the time Using sentence-like intonation patterns Makes a horizontal and vertical stroke with crayon	 25-30 Months (continued) Attempting to locate objects when they are discussed by others Speaking in 2 or 3 word sentences; jargon and speaking by imitation only are almost gone Often using personal pronouns (I, you, he, it, me) correctly Using regular plurals (cats, dogs, balls) Beginning to recall parts of a previously heard story Requesting to hear familiar stories Changing intonation and tone to communicate meaning Understanding "one", "all" ("Give me one block") Matching an object to a picture Matching simple shapes such as a circle, square and triangle 	31-36 Months (continued)
	Performing a routine			