



## Language/Communication Milestones Checklist<sup>4,10</sup>

### Handout C8



*At this stage of development, my child may...*

- Communicate clear enough so that other adults and children can understand what they're saying
- Ask questions frequently throughout the day
- Use five-word sentences
- Name most of their body parts
- Use their manners when talking by saying words or phrases like, "please" and "thank you"
- Tell stories
- Sing songs

**Reminder...**  
Children grow and develop at different rates. Your child may be following a different path than other toddlers the same age.

*How I can support language/communication development...*

- Read and look at books together
- Play nursery rhyme games and sing songs about numbers
- Show them patience when they have lots of questions
- Ask them questions that don't require a yes or no answer. For instance, "What do you think this peach will taste like?"
- Provide them with an answer to their question, but then ask them a follow-up question. For example, if they say, "What dat?" I might say something like, "It's a snail. Where do you think it's going?"
- Pay attention to what interests them and talk with my toddler about the things that spark their curiosity

