



## Language/Communication Milestones Checklist<sup>5</sup>

### Handout A16



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

- ☐ Copy sounds that they've heard me using when I'm talking
- ☐ Follow simple directions like, "Please hand me the block."
- ☐ Understand their own name
- ☐ Point to an item and talk to it
- ☐ Babble as they repeat a sound several times like, "ga-ga-ga-ga-ga"
- ☐ Have a back and forth conversation by taking turns making sounds with me
- ☐ Use one word to communicate an entire thought. For example, they might say, "milk" for "I want more milk."
- ☐ Copy sounds that they hear in and around our home such as a dog barking or a cat meowing
- ☐ Seem to talk less as they're learning to walk
- ☐ Say a few words
- ☐ Understand how to match a gesture to a word or phrase. For example, they might say "no" while shaking their head or say "bye-bye" as they're waving their hand.

Reminder...  
Babies grow  
and develop at  
different rates. Your  
baby may be following  
a different path than  
other infants the  
same age.

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

- ☐ Talk to them as much as possible
- ☐ Respond to their babbling by saying the words it sounds like they're trying to communicate. For example, if they say, "bah" I might say, "ball."
- ☐ Introduce them to new words when I'm talking with them
- ☐ Talk to them during my daily routine and describe to them what's happening. For instance, I might say, "I'm making you rice for lunch" or "I'm changing your diaper."
- ☐ Talk with them about what they're doing. For example, I can say, "You're rolling your ball" or "You stacked the cups inside each other."
- ☐ Read to them as often as possible