

TODDLER SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL MILESTONES

Developmental Observation Chart

18 MONTHS

- Moves away from caregivers but looks back to ensure they are close.
- Points to show others something interesting.
- Explores alone but with parent close by.

2 YEARS

- Notices when others are hurt or upset (looks sad or pauses).
- Shows defiant behavior (doing what they were told not to do).
- Plays mainly next to other children rather than with them (parallel play).

3 YEARS

- Calms down within 5 minutes after you leave them.
- Notices other children and joins them to play.
- Shows a wide range of emotions (affection, anger, curiosity).

4 YEARS

- Prefers playing with other children than playing alone.
- Cooperates with other children and negotiates solutions to conflicts.
- Talks about what they like and what they are interested in.

Note: Every child develops at their own pace. Consult a pediatrician for specific developmental concerns.