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### **Because the Early Years Matter**

Nipissing District Development Screens (NDDS) are checklists to help you find out if your child's development is progressing as expected. NDDS are available for ages:

- one and two months, four months, six months, and nine months;
- 12 months, 15 months, and 18 months; and
- two years, 30 months, three years, four years, five years and six years.

These checklists are available to you at no charge in English, French, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. Online interactive screens are also available at [www.ndds.ca](http://www.ndds.ca).



Each checklist asks age-appropriate YES or NO questions about your child's abilities in the following areas: vision, hearing, speech, language, communication, gross motor, fine motor, cognitive, social/emotional and self-help. These abilities are expected to be accomplished by most children by the age shown. If two or more NO responses are marked, it is recommended that you discuss them with a health care professional.

Be sure your child has a positive start to school. If you have any concerns, do not wait and see – seek help now. Early identification and early intervention will increase your child's chances of reaching his/her full developmental potential.

**For health-related information call York Region  
Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)**