

Developmental and Behavior Chart Normal vs. Exposed to Domestic Violence

Impact of domestic violence on the unborn child during pregnancy: The impact of domestic violence during pregnancy varies greatly and more research needs to be done before we will know the full impact on the unborn child. There is research that shows 25% of pre-term babies come from mothers who are experiencing higher than normal levels of stress. Violence during pregnancy may be more common than gestational diabetes, neural tube defects, and preeclampsia. Physical violence suffered by the mother has the potential to lead to low birth weight in the new born, miscarriage, and/or still birth.

Condition	Stage	Self Help/Living Skills	Behaviors/Characteristics	Cognitive	Language	Social/Emotional
Normal	Birth-6 Months	Comforts self with sucking. Sucking/swallowing well. Opens mouth for spoon (6 months).	Discovers hands (3 months). Follows objects. On stomach; lifts head; looks about. Rolls over (4 months). Sits with support-head steady.	Responds to noise, turns head to voice/follows with eyes. Comforted by soothing voice. Anticipates feedings (3 mo) Looks at object in hand; looks after a toy which is dropped. Uses two hands to grasp.	Smiles & vocalizes when talked to (2 months) Turns head to sound. Laughs out loud, cries, coos, responds to songs, babble (ma, ma, da, da).	Developing trust. Communicates needs through crying, body language and vocalization.
Exposed to Domestic Violence	Birth-6 Months	Disturbances in sleeping and eating.	High startle responses due to loud noises in their home. Clingy and whiney.	Slower to respond to stimuli, lack of trust in environment due to increased inconsistencies.	Delayed language development	Fear of abandonment
Normal	6 Months-18 Months	Uses spoon. Drinks from cup, some spills, picks up finger foods. Chewing/swallowing solid foods. Takes off shoes, gloves, unzips.	Sits unsupported (7 mo) Begins creeping/crawling. Crawls well; pulls to stand (7-9 mo) Claps hands (8-10 mo) Walks independently (12-18 mo) Stoops & recovers toys.	Transfers objects from hand to hand. Reaches for & picks up objects. Imitates simple gestures (peek-a-boo, paddy cake) Scribbles. Uncovers hidden objects. Fill and dumps objects in containers. Looks at pictures in books. Follows one or two directions.	Responds to own name (9 mo) Uses gestures to communicate. Uses vocalization to seek attention. Requests objects (toy, etc.) Requests for actions (asks for help) Protests 'no' Greets; Hi, bye. Says mama, dada. (10 words)	Reacts differently to strangers and recognizes self in mirror (6 mo) Shows dependence on mother/primary care-giver (8 mo) Distinguishes self from others (12 mo).
Exposed to Domestic Violence	6 Months-18 Months	Delayed skill development.	Delayed crawling/walking. Fussiness and clingy.	Does not react to others- signs of affective behavior.	Delayed language development	Fear of abandonment intensifies. Inappropriate attachment to strangers and caregivers.
Normal	18 Months-36 Months (3 years)	Minimal spills with spoon & cup. Anticipates need to urinate or defecate. Can toilet independently. Imitates simple chores, undress/dresses self with assistance	Walks up & down stairs holding rail. Walks backwards (18 mo) Jumps in place. Kicks & throws ball; runs with few falls; balances on one foot few seconds. Walks stairs without support.	Matches same objects. Points to objects. Names objects. Imitates actions. Points to 3-5 body parts. Builds towers with blocks. Matches same colors.	Says first name. Asks what, where, why, when. Short conversations. Use me, mine, you, I. Combine words. (2,3,4+).	Demands proximity of a familiar adult (18 mo) Refers to self by name (24 mo) Shy with strangers, clingy (2-2.5 yrs) Understands needs of others (36 mo)
Exposed to Domestic Violence	18 Months-36 Months (3 years)	Regression in toilet training. Eating and sleeping disturbances.	Increased aggression and frustration. Lack of control. Irritability.	Problems with concentration and memory.	Delayed language development	Aggression and inappropriate attachments. Inability to individuate leading to regressive behavior.

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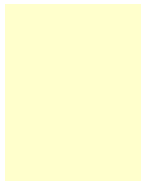
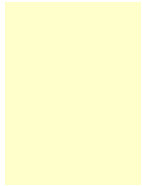
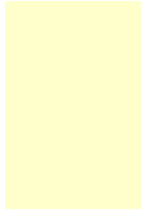
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Normal	3-5 Years	Washes hands independently. Washes face, brushes teeth independently. Dresses & undresses self independently. Simple chores. Bathes self.	Rides tricycle. Swings & climbs. Balances on one foot, 10 seconds. Hops on one foot. Uses scissors. Skips. Writes names (5 yrs) Throws ball overhead; hops backwards with both feet; bounces/catches ball.	Draws person with 3-6 parts. Copies simple shapes. Matches shapes/colors. Says full name, address & phone #. Repeats 3 digit numbers. Understands big & little; hot, cold, long & short, etc. Some awareness of fantasy & reality. Grouping of objects. Follows simple directions. Counts 1-20. Knows left from right. Knows upper & lower	Answers simple questions. Uses: under, on, in front of, behind, inside, etc. Vocabulary 200-1500 + words. Few articulation errors.	Enjoys dramatic play. Knows sex (boy or girl) Separates from parent without crying. Plays with peers somewhat cooperatively. Strong sense of family/home. Develops sense of guilt. Explores neighborhood. Plays group games with simple rules.
Exposed to Domestic Violence	3-5 Years	Wetting and soiling after potty training. Poor personal hygiene. Impeded development of independent living skills or accelerated development.	Physical complaints- tummy aches. Excessive attention seeking.	Nightmares. Functional problems with memory an learning.	Inability to express thoughts and feelings verbally. Impeded vocabulary development.	Inability to relate to peers. Depression. Passivity to peers or bullying.
Normal	6-12 Years	Household chores, many steps, cooking skills, hobbies, (sewing, woodwork), simple repairs.	Jumps rope, skips, hops & trots. Good eye-hand coordination (sewing, woodworking, etc.) Clumsy & awkward. Rapid uneven physical growth. Rides bike.	Tells Time. Groups object in classes & series. Understands concepts of space, time, numbers. Realized orderliness of world. Reads/writes/math skills. Leap in academic skills. Combines information to come to own conclusion.	Vocabulary increases ahead of comprehension. Corrects own errors in pronouncing new words. Reads well.	Group sports, competition grows. Clubs & gangs become important. Interest in competition increases. Conformity to peer groups important. Fear of failure. Aggressive/Argumentative. Confidence increases. Forming own opinions.
Exposed to Domestic Violence	6-12 Years	Inability to focus in school. Role reversal with parents. Becomes parentified- assuming parental roles in relation to children and parent (s)	Inappropriate expressions of anger. More aggressive behavior or withdrawn behavior.	Inability to concentrate. Poor problem solving skills.	Does not read at appropriate age level.	Less engaged in the world. Less in touch with emotions. Inability to communicate emotions. Poor self-confidence.
Normal	12-18 Years	Mechanical abilities. Desire to earn income. Drivers License. Desire for future education or work experience.	Agile but still clumsy. Rapid physical growth & maturation. Risk-taking behaviors.	Perception of physical volume developed. Formulates ideas, makes assumptions, & draws conclusions. Reasons logically about statements, objects & events. Uses thought more flexibly. Can handle hypothetical issues. Tendency to intellectualize.	Introduce to a second language.	Rapid harmonic changes. Moody. Questions: 'Who am I?' 'Where do I belong?' 'What can I do or be?' 'What do I believe in?'. Struggles with sense of identity. Redevelops trust, sense of self, motivation, identity, and relationships.
Exposed to Domestic Violence	12-18 Years	Delinquency in school. May turn to drug use. Teenage pregnancy.	Risk-taking- engaging in high risk behaviors such as pregnancy, criminal activity and violence. May engage in dating violence relationships.	Ongoing academic issues. Adverse effects from drug and alcohol use.		Socially disengaged. Unhealthy relationships.

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