



Appendix 15



Sample Communication Template to Parents of Young Children

Be a partner in your child's health care!

Your Child's Developmental Needs & Behavior

Areas of excellence:

Number of parents who talked with their child's health care provider about:

- Behaviors you can expect to see in your child — 9 out of 10
- The importance of reading to your child — 8 out of 10

Room for improvement:

Number of parents who did not talk with their child's doctor or other health care provider and wished they had talked about:

- Guidance and discipline techniques — 1 out of 4
- Toilet training — 1 out of 5

Talk to your child's health care providers about:

- o Behaviors to expect from your child
- o Words or phrases your child may use
- o How often you should read to your child
- o Toilet training
- o Guidance and discipline techniques



Preventing Injury & Keeping Your Child Safe

Areas of excellence:

Number of parents who talked with their child's health care provider about:

- Car seat safety — 8 out of 10
- House safety — 8 out of 10

Room for improvement:

Number of parents who did not talk with their child's doctor or other health care provider and wished they had talked about:

- What to do if your child swallows something poisonous — 1 out of 4
- Teaching your toddler about dangerous situations, places, and objects — 1 out of 4

Talk to your child's health care providers about:

- o Safety in your home and car
- o Poison prevention
- o Teaching your child about dangerous situations, places, and objects



Do You Have Concerns about Your Child's Learning, Development, or Behavior?

Before your child's office visit, think about if you have these concerns:

- o How your child talks and makes speech sounds
- o How your child understands what you say
- o How your child uses his or her arms and legs
- o How your child behaves or gets along with others

Voicing these concerns can help your child's health care provider assess your child's risk for learning, developmental, and behavioral delays.

Parents are often the first to notice delays in their child's growth and development. Voicing your concerns can help your child's health care providers identify issues early.



We Care about Your Entire Family!

Your child's doctor or other health care provider should ask about family issues that affect your child's health and well-being.

Your child's health care provider should ask:

- If anyone in your household smokes
- If anyone in your household abuses alcohol or other substances
- If you feel safe at home
- If you ever feel depressed, sad, or have crying spells



You can talk to your doctor or other health care provider about these issues.