

Scenario - Amara

Successful Family Engagement during the Child Outcomes Summary Process

Section III:		Age & Developmental Levels			
Age:	23 months	Adjusted Age	N/A	Cognitive	7 months
Receptive Language	4 months	Adaptive/Self-Help	18 months	Gross Motor	21 months
Expressive Language	6 months	Social-Emotional	7-11 months	Fine Motor	16 months

Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills, including early language/communication:
This area involves how your child learns, including development of imitation, thinking, remembering, problem solving skills and using language (including gestures) to communicate what he or she knows and understands.

Amara learns primarily by mouthing toys and using her hands. She mouths unfamiliar toys. She enjoys playing with her mega blocks putting them in and out of the box. She does not always look at the pieces as she is playing with them. Amara also loves any toys that produce sound and watching animated television shows. She loves movement activities like spinning with her dad or playing hide-and-seek with her mom. Amara's frustration can interrupt her learning. For example, she likes to line her farm animals but begins to throw the toys when they fall. Amara's mom stated she does not always seem to enjoy playing with toys and the only way to make her laugh is to tickle her. Amara was observed turning pages in a book and starting to point at random pictures on the page. Amara's dad stated pointing in books is new. They read to her every night before bed. Amara's mom added they have noticed Amara does not move her mouth as much as her cousin who is her age. She tries to imitate some things she sees her cousin doing when outside like going down the slide on her tummy. Her mom describes Amara as lacking awareness around her the majority of the time. Amara's only word is "all" for ball. She uses the sign for "eat," "more," and "please." Amara was heard babbling using some consonant sounds today during play (b's, w's, d's) and all vowel sounds. Amara is building her understanding of language and not yet following directions given by her parents.



Coming up, Amara will point to pictures and objects to let her parents know that she understands the names for them. She will start to use more sounds and put them together to make words. Amara will explore her toys in her home more by looking at them during play.



Age-Expected Development Reference for Amara



Amara

Acquires and uses knowledge and skills, including early language/communication....

This is how Amara is learning, problem-solving, remembering. A big component is how she is using her language to show us what she understands which I know is one of the biggest areas of concern mentioned at intake by you (referencing Amara's mom and dad).

At 24 months old, we know in this area, have about 50 words and begin to put phrases together and imitating words you say. They follow simple directions like going to get something. When reading, they begin to point and name pictures. Their attention is increasing. Imitation is seen throughout their day in play and using sounds and words.

