

# Red Flags for Cognitive & Receptive Language Delays

- ◆ Not looking when you call their names by first birthday
- ◆ Doesn't pick up on other people's facial expressions, tone of voice, and gestures by 12 months
- ◆ Doesn't follow simple directions by 18 months
- ◆ Doesn't look at and point to familiar people, objects, and body parts when asked "Where's \_\_\_\_\_?" by 18 months
- ◆ Doesn't point to familiar pictures in books by 24 months
- ◆ Repeats a questions rather than answering it
- ◆ Answers a question incorrectly or off - target
- ◆ Uses the same words and phrases without adding many new ones
- ◆ Most speech is jargon or jabbering or using unintelligible sentences after 2 (without the presence of a growing single word vocabulary)

A child's ability to understand and respond to language is a factor which will help determine if a child has a more significant developmental delay or is just simply a late talker.