

Typical Social Communication Development

Age	Social Communication Behaviour
By 2 months of age	Prefers to look at our eyes.
By 4 months of age	Smiles when parents smiles at him.
By 6 months of age	Back and forth babbling.
By 8-10 months of age	Responds to his name (head turn towards person calling his name).
By 9 months of age	Back and forth smiles, sounds, and gestures.
By 10 months of age	Joint attention – alternates looking between a person and an object. Understands that when we point to an object that is close by, he looks at the object and then back at you.
Between 13-to-18 months of age	Toddler begins to initiate joint attention – he will point to an object of interest. Toddler will begin to look at objects that you point to that are farther and farther away.
By 18 months of age	Toddler will look at objects of interested when a parent uses eye gaze alone – no longer needs a pointing finger to pay attention to what the adult is looking at.
Additional information	<p>*joint attention is an important landmark in language development.</p> <p>*how to promote joint attention: imitate what your child is doing and saying. Imitation promotes coordinated joint attention, social initiative, and engagement or interaction.</p>

Reference: "Hanan Program. Early Development Program. April 2010. Teleseminar: Early Red Flags for Autism".