

# 18 months - 2 years old

In the first five years of life, my brain grows faster than at any other stage. I learn and develop through play and interaction.

## Some things you can do to help my brain keep growing well:

- provide me with warm, friendly relationships, read and talk with me
- bond with me by smiling, playing, talking and cuddling
- spend time with me, we will build a connection which is important for me to thrive



## Some things I may be doing are:

- saying 50 or more words and putting 2 words together
- having rapid changes in mood
- copying what you do, such as, sweeping the floor
- listening to simple stories and songs
- dressing up and playing make believe
- climbing

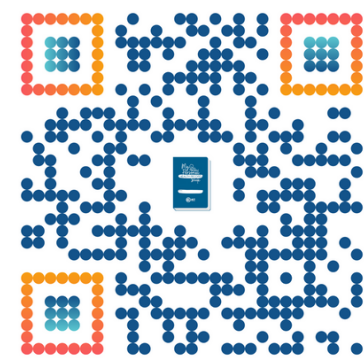


## Talk to our Maternal, Child and Family Health nurse/midwife or doctor if I am NOT:

- doing things, I used to
- coming to you for comfort
- understanding many words
- enjoying pretend play
- running



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## Some ideas for how you can spend time with me:

- read books with me everyday
- talk, play and sing with me
- visit the playground, library or play group with me
- count my toys with me



Don't forget to look after yourself. If you're happy and healthy it helps me to be happy and healthy as well.

# Child Health Checks

## Please take me to my health checks

You will find information on all 9 of my health checks in my Blue Book. This is my personal health record. My Blue Book has health information to help you track my immunisations, growth, and development. To book my next health check or immunisation call

**Central Health Intake**



**02 5124 9977**

## Keep me up to date with my immunisations

Keep me protected against common infectious diseases. The Immunisation Record in my Blue Book will tell you what immunisations I need from birth to 4 years. You can book me in for my immunisations through Central Health Intake.

## Child and Family Centres

If you want to speak with someone about my health, wellbeing, learning and development, the Child and Family Centres offer free support for families and carers.

**West Belconnen**



**02 6205 2904**

**Tuggeranong**



**02 6207 8228**

**Gungahlin**



**02 6207 0120**

## Child health and development services

There are lots of services you can contact to help support me as I grow.

**Early Parenting Support line**



**02 5124 1775**

**Child Development Service**



**02 6207 8884**

**EACH - NDIS Partner**



**1300 003 224**

**Raising Children Network**



**raisingchildren.net.au**

## First Nations Organisations

I can have a free health check every year under Medicare, and so can you. Ask your doctor about it.

**Winnunga Nimmityjah**



**02 6284 6222**

**Yerrabi Yurwang**



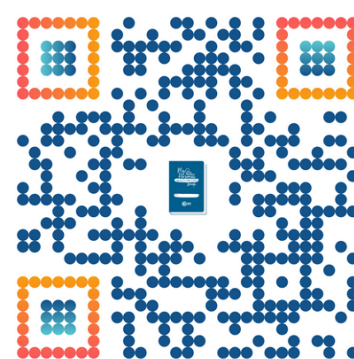
**0400 123 258**

**Gugan Gulwan**



**02 6296 8900**

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