

What are Developmentally Appropriate Expectations for Young Children?

Activity Overview

The goal of this activity is to consider what the expectations you can have for children's behavior. Taking development into account what is realistic to expect of children's behavior? This exercise can help in setting realistic behavioral expectations based on developmental level.

Purpose

Directions: The left column has behavioral expectations. in the right column, write down whether or not the behavioral expectation is developmentally appropriate. Use the blanks to fill in your own behavioral expectations.

The behavior expectation is:	Is it developmentally appropriate? Why or why not?
An infant does not cry at drop off after a week	
A two-year-old shares a toy with his peer	
Preschoolers will sit still in circle for 15 minutes.	