



# Early Head Start Vision Observation

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Your baby should...

### By Three Months

- Stare at source of light
- Have pupils that constrict (get smaller) in bright light
- Look at your face and her own hands
- Observe movement in room
- Smile at others
- Turn toward an object or to the side when facing forward.

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*Newborns can make out large shapes and faces but are unable to distinguish fine details. Bright, strong colors in contrasting patterns of light and dark are seen best.*

### By six months

- Shift gaze between two objects
- Reach out and grasp for objects
- Look at objects in own hand
- Notice small items (raisin, Cheerios) when held within reach
- Use both eyes together and appear to be in balance with each other.

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*Babies do cross their eyes during the first six months but constant crossing is usually abnormal.*

### By twelve months

- Follow objects with eyes
  - Reach for objects
  - Pick up small items
  - Look at pictures in a book
  - Reach into container and pull objects out
  - Recognize familiar objects across room (8' to 10')
- By twelve months, a child's vision reaches normal adult levels.*

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### By 24 - 36 Months

- Walk without bumping into furniture

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### At any age

No matter how old your child is, if you spot any one of the following, consult your health care provider if your child's eyes...

- Flutter quickly from side-to-side
- Are always watery
- Have white pupils (the black part)
- Are red and don't get better in several days
- Have continued pus or crust
- Look crossed, turn out, or don't focus together
- Drop or bulge

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Staff Signature

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