Jun, your son is so cute! I cannot wait to visit. How old is he now?

Ronin is 6 months old. I am a little worried, Kim. He does not like to play games like peek-a-boo. He never smiles.

Babies that are his age love to laugh. Have you looked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Milestones Checklist or Tracker App?

I am looking at the checklist now. Children his age can smile! He should also roll over.

You should talk with your doctor. Your son may need early intervention. Intervention is helping someone with a concern.

Early intervention helps with concerns about babies and toddlers. It has services like speech therapy, family counseling, sign language services, and more. The services help kids move, play, and grow up like other kids their age.
I have heard about early intervention. Most children got better at talking with their body language and words after they got early intervention.*

7 in 10 Virginians

* in 2020

Yes. In 2020, Covid-19 made people stay away from each other. Children were sad and couldn’t connect with others. Early intervention still helped kids get better at showing their feelings.** Maybe they can help your son smile.

6 in 10 Virginians

** in 2020

Early intervention sounds great for other kids. My son does not need help though.

I am a good parent. There is nothing wrong with him.

Early intervention does not mean you are a bad parent. It does not mean there is something wrong with your son. Early intervention helps kids be the best they can be.
Want to learn more about early intervention?

Go to the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia webpage itcva.online or call 1-800-234-1448.

To see a Milestone Checklist, go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “Learn the Signs” webpage on cdc.gov.

Find more early intervention data at the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities “Project Living Well” webpage at vbpd.virginia.gov or the Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia website itcva.online.

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