Measuring Developmental Progress over Time: Clinical Implications

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Goal 6 of 2013 Supplement to 2007 JCIH Position Statement

"All children who are D/HH should have their progress monitored every 6 months from birth to 36 months of age, through a protocol that includes the use of standardized, normreferenced developmental evaluations, for language (spoken and/or signed), the modality of communication (auditory, visual, and/or augmentative), social-emotional, cognitive, and fine and gross motor skills."

Rationale

- ECI services are not intended to be remedial
- Whole child
- Results

So, what does it look like in practice?

Norm Referenced Assessments

- Kent Inventory of Developmental Skills (KIDS)
 - Birth to 14.7 months, every 6 months
 - Cognitive, Social, Motor, Communication, Self-Help
- Minnesota Child Development Inventory
 - 15 months to 6 years, every 6 months
 - Social, Self-Help, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Expressive Language, Language Comprehension, Letters, Numbers

Norm Referenced Assessments

- MacArthur-Bates Communicative Developmental Inventory Words and Gestures
 - 8 months to 18 months, every 6 months
- MacArthur-Bates Communicative Developmental Inventory Words and Sentences
 - 16 months to 30 months, every 6 months
- MacArthur-Bates Communicative Developmental Inventory – III
 - 30 months 37 months, every 6 months

Assessment Record for _____

Assessment	Frequency	Administration Range	Date
KENT	Every 6 months	1- 14m NECAP: same	
Minnesota CDI	Every 6 months	15m - 6 yrs	
		NECAP: same	
McArthur Words and Gestures	Every 6 months	8-18m NECAP: Boys: ↓49 words Girls: ↓69 words	
McArthur Words and Sentences	Every 6 months	16 - 30m NECAP: Boys: ↑50 words Girls: ↑70 words	
McArthur III	Every 6 months	30-37m NECAP: same	
LENA Recording	4 x year	2 - 48m	
LittlEars	Pre and post CI	Every 2m (for first 24 m of hearing) until scores 35/35	
CASLLS	Ongoing	0-8yrs	
Ski-Hi	Optional ongoing	0-5yrs	

Why Parent Report?

Infant/Toddler's Week



Preschool Child's Week



From "How Do Infants and Toddlers with Hearing Loss Learn to Listen and Talk?" presented on March 13, 2013



How do we get these done?

- Completing assessments with parents
 - Help to clarify questions
- Methods
 - During sessions
 - On home visits
 - Giving to parent to complete at home

Sharing Reports With Parents

Understanding the Bell Curve





Goal setting and decision making

Data Repository

- See Recommendations 2 & 3 of Goal 6
- Systematic monitoring to ensure appropriate early intervention practices
 - REDCap (OPTION Schools)
 - National Early Childhood Assessment Project (NECAP)
- How has this helped us to improve our practice?

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Measuring Developmental Progress over Time: National Outcomes

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Today's Topics

- Describe NECAP
- Briefly summarize sample characteristics
- Present language outcome data over time
- Identify characteristics of children with more successful language outcomes

Participants

- All families are participating in NECAP
 - National Early Childhood Assessment Project
 - CDC-supported project examining language outcomes at a national level
 - Birth to 3
 - Children who are deaf or hard of hearing

States Represented in Sample

- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Maine
- Minnesota

- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- Texas
- Utah
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Participant Criteria

- Bilateral, pre-lingual hearing loss
 - (all degrees -- mild to profound)
- No diagnosis of auditory neuropathy
- English is written language of the home
- No other disabilities that would affect speech or language development
- Parents: hearing (80%) or deaf/hard of hearing (20%)

(Minnesota) Child Development Inventory

Minnesota CDI Analysis: Number of Participants/Assessments

- Outcomes are a combination of crosssectional and longitudinal data
- 457 children
- Assessed on 1 to 5 occasions
- Total assessments = 739

- Chronological age
 - Range = 12 to 35 months
 - Mean = 24 months
- Boys = 52%; Girls = 48%

Age at	Median (mos)	Range (mos)
Identification	2	.25 to 31
Amplification	4	.75 to 36
Intervention	4	.25 to 35

*72% of children were identified by 3 months of age*66% of children were in intervention by 6 months of age

Highest degree completed	% of primary caregivers
Less than HS	9%
High school diploma	38%
Vocational or Associates	18%
Bachelor's degree	23%
Graduate degree	12%

Communication mode used with child by family	% of primary caregivers
Primarily spoken language	70%
Spoken only	28%
Very occasional sign used	42%
Spoken + sign language	25%
Sign only	5%

Minnesota CDI: Expressive Language Subscale



Minnesota CDI: Language Comprehension/Conceptual Lang



MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories:

Words Produced Subscale

MacArthur CDI Analysis: Number of Participants/Assessments

- Outcomes are a combination of crosssectional and longitudinal data
- 634 children
- Assessed on 1 to 5 occasions
- Total assessments = 1,066

- Chronological age
 - Range = 12 to 35 months
 - Mean = 23 months
- Boys = 53%; Girls = 47%

Age at	Median (mos)	Range (mos)
Identification	2	.25 to 31
Amplification	5	.5 to 32
Intervention	4.3	.25 to 35

*71% of children were identified by 3 months of age*66% of children were in intervention by 6 months of age

Highest degree completed	% of primary caregivers
Less than HS	9%
High school diploma	38%
Vocational or Associates	18%
Bachelor's degree	25%
Graduate degree	11%

Communication mode used with child by family	% of primary caregivers
Primarily spoken language	71%
Spoken only	30%
Very occasional sign used	41%
Spoken + sign language	23%
Sign only	6%

MacArthur-Bates CDI: Expressive Vocabulary



MacArthur-Bates CDI: Expressive Vocabulary – 50th Percentile



Conclusions

- As language demands increase over time, gap between CA and Language Age widens
- Divergence from age expectations starts at:
 - 25 mos for general, surface structure expressive language
 - 20 mos for cognitive-linguistic skills
 - 16 mos for Expressive Vocabulary

Conclusions

- By 35 months of age the gap between language age and chronological age is:
 - 7 mos for general, surface structure expressive language
 - 8 mos for cognitive-linguistic skills
 - 12 mos for expressive vocabulary

Conclusions

- Beginning at 19 mos, hearing children produce 35 to 40 new words per month
- Beginning at 19 months, children who are deaf or hard of hearing average 15 new expressive words per month
- It is important for parents and interventionists to keep typical development in mind when assessing progress and setting goals

Predictors of Better Language Outcomes: Multiple Regression

- Significant predictors of expressive vocabulary (based on most recent assessment):
 - Meeting 1-3-6 EHDI guidelines
 - Parent who is deaf or hard of hearing
 - Lesser degrees of hearing loss
 - Higher mother's level of education
 - Quotient decreases with age so gap between CA and Language Age is widening over time