



DOMAINS OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Note: This needs to be re-branded for Curaçao

There are 5 domains or areas of child development: physical, socio-emotional, communication and language, cognition, and adaptive. The following chart provides a brief overview of each of these domains.

DOMAIN	DEFINITION
Motor/Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross motor skills (e.g., ability to walk, run, jump, throw objects, etc.) Fine motor skills (e.g., putting on clothes, writing, copying shapes, colouring with a marker, eating with a spoon, etc.)
Socio-emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of feelings and emotions of self and others Sense of security and attachment with others Behaviours, social interactions, and relationship building Learning through play
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to understand and communicate both physically and verbally with others Development of complex speech such as complete sentences, comparisons, etc. Knowledge of the alphabet, sing songs, talking about the day, reading (later in development)

Cognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intellectual and mental abilities ▪ Ability to process thoughts, hold attention, remember events, plan ahead ▪ Counting, recognizing patterns, cause and effect, experimentation
Adaptive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adapting the environment ▪ Autonomy and ability to do things by oneself ▪ Self-feeding, dressing, toiletry, chores, etc