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Free Developmental Assessment

For parents who have concerns about their young child's development, Kids On The Move provides FREE developmental evaluations for children under three who reside in the Alpine School District. The first few years of life are very important for a young child's development. This developmental assessment will let you know if your child is "on-target" for his/her age. If it is determined that your child has a significant delay in development, your family may be eligible to receive Early Intervention services from Kids On The Move at little or no cost.

Kids On The Move supports the development of children under age three with special needs and offers assistance to families in the community. Our Early Intervention program provides services to kids with a variety of delays and disabilities, while Early Head Start is designed to help low-income families as well as pregnant mothers-to-be. Our third program, KOTM Autism Center, extends services to children with Autism and similar disorders who are over three years of age. Our newest program KOTM Respite Care, formerly Friday's Kids Respite, offers temporary care of children with special needs, providing a short period of rest or relief to their usual caregivers. For a free assessment or volunteer opportunities, contact us at www.kotm.org or at 801.221.9930.

One Family's Story:

Ian was diagnosed with a bilateral cleft lip and palate before he was born. The cleft palate made it difficult for Ian to communicate, eat normal foods, and knowing where to place his tongue to sound out words. For a while the cleft was causing issues with Ian's hearing, which made it so he couldn't imitate sounds properly. Through surgeries, his palate could be reconstructed. Therapy could train him so he could more easily eat and learn how to move his tongue to say words.

Ian's pediatrician suggested Kids On The Move. Ian's mom attended a therapy session, and Ian began working with KOTM at 18 months and worked with speech and occupational therapists. Therapy involved the family as a whole, not just Ian.

He now communicates and eats normal foods. He is two and a half years old and will soon be graduating to the local school district's program.

Ian's parents Sheldon and Emily said, "In the beginning, we felt like we were drowning. We could not see beyond the current struggles. Ian's progress has changed our entire outlook and has re-instilled hope. IF you are in a similar situation, do not search for answers on the Internet, because when we did, the results were so negative that it made us feel worse. Kids On The Move we would recommend to anyone! They have helped Ian progress so much and have been a support to our family. Lastly, hang in there, it takes a lot of time and effort, but it's worth it!"