Today’s piece was prepared by **Bob Sun, MD**, based on a NY Times story, [Does My Baby Have a Speech Delay?](https://parenting.nytimes.com/childrens-health/speech-delay)

The NY Times has [recently launched](https://www.nytco.com/press/introducing-parenting-team/) [a website](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/19/reader-center/parenting-section-tiny-victories.html) marketed toward parents and billed as a one-stop shop for human-interest parenting stories, traditional news and investigations, and answers to questions such as “Does My Baby Have a Speech Delay?” The site links to a page with what is effectively [anticipatory guidance and milestones](https://parenting.nytimes.com/milestones). The speech delay article outlines the importance of early intervention in changing long-term outcomes and what it is that Speech/Language Pathologists do. The overall message is one we as pediatric providers would support.

At the same time, small inconsistencies are immediately identifiable; this article reports that children should be using 3-word sentences by 2 years, for instance, departing from the 2-word sentence milestone more familiar to us. Indeed, the milestones section of the NYT Parenting site uses the 2-word sentence milestone instead. Overall, it is interesting that the Times appears to have chosen to launch this new site as a way of further engaging readers (and increasing subscriptions!). If this site supplements or replaces developmental guidance provided by individual bloggers and Youtubers, then it is a probably a step up in quality. But to the extent it replaces professional, evidence-based resources such as the CDC and Bright Futures, it may reduce the accuracy of information parents receive.

**DEVELOPMENTAL & BEHAVIORAL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS:**

[Learn the Signs. Act Early](https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html) *US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention site, promoting early identification of developmental differences*

[HealthyChildren](https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/Pages/default.aspx) *American Academy of Pediatrics site, identifying “Ages & Stages” of early childhood behavioral and developmental benchmarks and patterns*

And that’s today’s Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics: IN THE NEWS!