

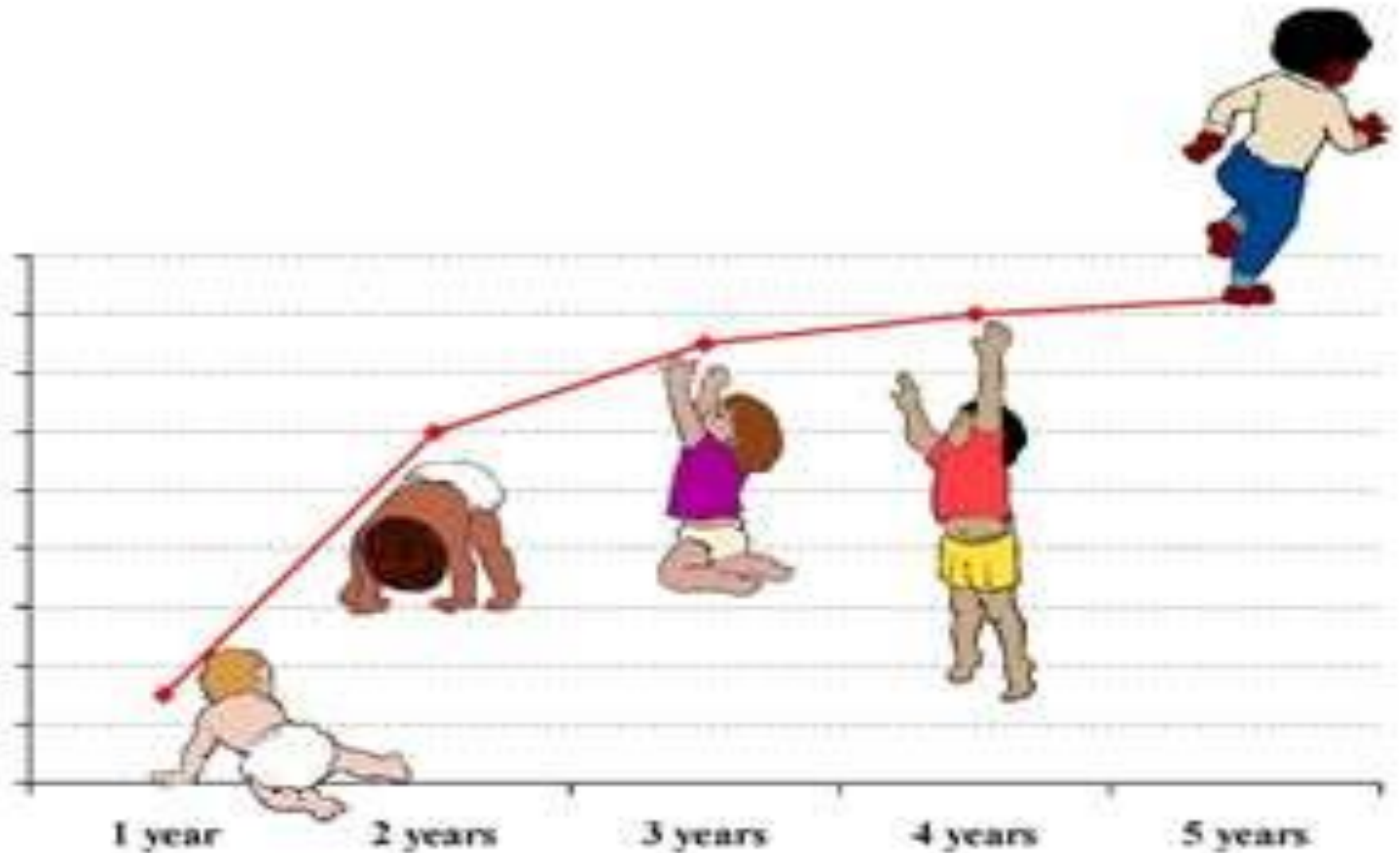


Child Development

IT IS THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF
INDIVIDUAL FROM HIS PRE-
NATAL BEGINNINGS THROUGH
EARLY STAGES OF HIS
ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT .



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SCOPE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Earlier the study of child development was confined to the developmental patterns only but now the field of child development has widened greatly as it draws together the knowledge from other related fields also to understand the child from many aspects.

The study of child development deals with :

1. The Stages of Growth and Maturation of the child.
2. The Effects of Environmental Influences upon the Child's Pattern of Development.
3. The Psychological and Social Interactions between the Child and Other Members of the Society in which he is Born and Reared.
4. Mental Processes of the Child.
5. Individual Differences among Children.

IMPORTANCE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT

1. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT- The physical, physiological as well as mental development of the child follows a definite pattern though individual variations are always there. These developmental patterns help the parents to know whether the child is growing through a normal pattern or not.





2. UNDERSTAND THE INTRICACIES OF HUMAN NATURE- The study of the subject of child development, helps to understand the intricacies of human nature and the depth and endless possibilities of human mind.

3. UNDERSTAND CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR-

The study of child development acts as a guide for parents to understand that children generally behave in certain ways at certain ages. This reassures them about the behaviour of their own child.



4. **GUIDE AND CONTROL THE CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR-** The knowledge of child development helps the parents to know that to what extent any of behaviour could be tolerated and when it should be checked. It also suggest the measures to be taken to mould chld's behaviour and to teach him the socially approved forms of behaviour.



5. **UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF THE CHILD-** Development follows a specific pattern and each stage has certain characteristics, but study of the child help the teachers and parents to understand that some children are unique as they may have special capabilities of understanding, talents, reasoning, sports etc.

6. MOTIVATES THE ADULTS TOWARDS EFFICIENT CHILD REARING PRACTICES-

The study of child development explains the role of parents and environment in the home, various methods to train the child which have a great effect on their general development.



7. CURE MENTAL WEAKNESSES OF THE CHILD-

Sometimes healthy children who seem otherwise normal are found to be mentally weak and do not perform according to the expectations of parents and teachers when they go to school. The study of child development guide the parents not to over expect from such children as their expectations may have a deteriorating effect on the development of the child.

8. UNDERSTAND ADULT'S BEHAVIOUR-

Child's study provides a background for adult's behaviour . A child is said to be the father of man. It means that if one wants to understand the adult , one must understand him as a child.

9. INTEGRATES THE FINDINGS OF OTHER DISCIPLINES TO UNDERSTAND THE GROWING CHILD- Child development is an area of study which draws information from many disciplines such as biology, physiology, pediatrics, sociology, psychology, anthropology in an attempt to understand children.

10. CONTRIBUTES TO THE CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMMES- Realizing the role of children to the future citizens of the country, concentrated efforts are being made to improve their living conditions, their education and their general upbringing. The subject of child development can provide necessary directions for launching a number of welfare schemes to provide a better environment for the growth and development of children.

CONCLUSION

Child Development is important not only for educationists and guardians but also for social reformers, politicians and readers. The study of child development not only helps to motivate the child but also helps them to achieve their goals.



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