

# Japanese study finds group childcare positively affects toddler development <sup>[1]</sup>

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In a new study, published in *Scientific Reports*, a research team led by Dr Keita Kanamori, a graduate student and Professor Chiharu Ota, from the Department of Development and Environmental Medicine, found that children who started childcare when they were six months old exhibited improved development by the age of three compared with children raised at home. Improvements were across five areas: communication, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, problem-solving, and personal-social skills.

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