

Android Apps for Parents

3 Baby Center My Pregnancy (by Babycenter)

Cost-Free

Android Market Review Score-4.5 stars

This application is like the "What to Expect When you're Expecting" book in a powerful application. If you are expecting, this free app will help you to track your pregnancy, educate you about your baby's development, provide you a to do list, suggest activities, show videos, provide birth clubs for Moms, and much more. My wife was hooked to the what to expect book, but she couldn't always take it with her. I secretly enjoyed the updates about my son's development and what stage he was in. I remember thinking "wow his ears are working, he can hear his daddy". This is a great way for Dads to keep up with their knowledge hungry (and plain ol hungry) partners. This is an expecting family must have, even if you just want to fool around with it. You'll be hooked in no time. **Baby Center My Pregnancy**



- 1 Baby ESP (by Hewitt Software)

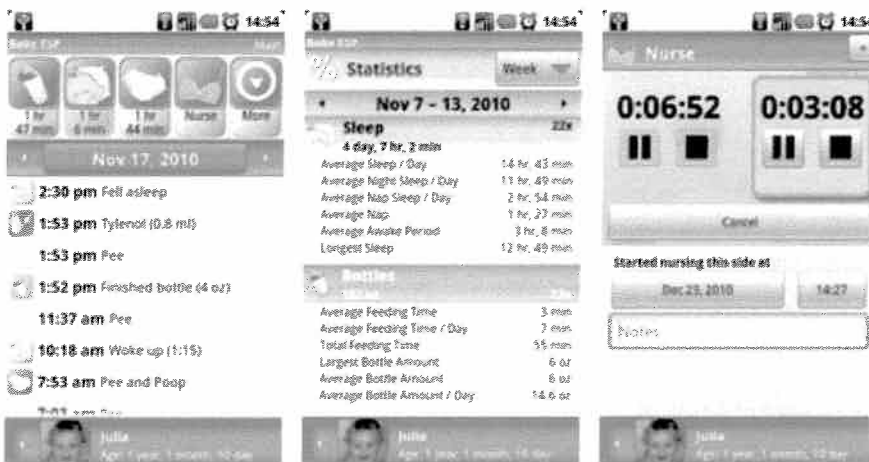
Cost-4.99 (Trial Version is Free)

Android Market Review Score-5 stars

If you're expecting a baby this app is for you. It will save you time, organize your life, and help you provide the best care for your baby. I hate to admit it, but I can't tell you how many times I had to ask myself "whens the last time I changed his diaper?", or "what time did he go to sleep?" If you master this app...that will never happen to you. As a first time Dad of a now 16 month old son I was completely blown away with the detail and usefulness of the application. Baby ESP is the only app I reviewed that received a 5 star rating,

with nearly 2000 reviews that is a very difficult task at the Android Market. Unfortunately, I didn't discover this app until recently, but rest assured I will be using Baby ESP when we have our second child.

This app has it all! In the most busy and overwhelming time of your life...Baby ESP helps you keep it together. It does this by allowing you to track when your baby is eating, peeing, pooping, nursing, sleeping and so much more. It will print out a detailed report or spit out statistics for you so you can identify patterns and begin developing a schedule. You can set reminders for anything and everything, which will be the most useful aspect of the app for me. Keep track of formula, milk, bath time, medication, pumping, and diapers with your magic fingers. They left nothing out and they made it simple...definitely Booya Baby approved! **Baby ESP**



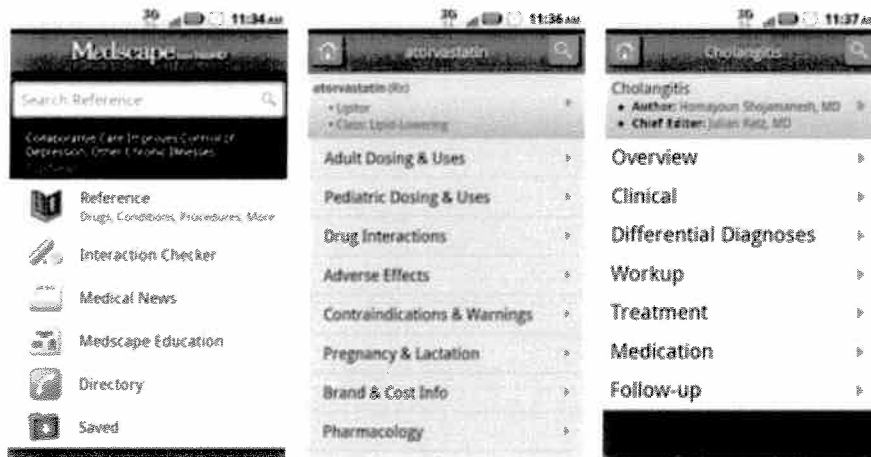
- 4 Medscape (by WebMD, LLC)

Cost-Free

Android Market Review Score-4 stars

Is there anything more important than your child's health? This app is as in depth and thorough as you can imagine when it comes to medication, disease, surgeries, and research. My wife is an amazing Mother, but she also doubles as a Registered Nurse during the day. My wife actually uses this application at work as well as at home for our family. Medscape is Mom, nurse, and Booya approved. I have personally used it to research what my recent ankle surgery would be like before it happened. The app can also tell you things like just how much infant Tylenol you should give a 16 month old. If you want the latest FDA approved medication for a sickness or disease this app is fully loaded. The app contains over 6000 generic and brand name drugs, over 4000 disease and condition topics, and over 600 procedures (many have step by step videos). A nice aspect of this app is once it downloads (takes about 20 minutes), you do not need to be connected via 3G or WiFi to have full access. News, articles, an interaction checker, an amazing drug

database and educational literature make this application a must have for parents seeking valuable knowledge for their family in the medical field. **MedScape**



- 5 Life 360 Security Center (by Life360)

Cost-Free

Android Market Review Score-4.5 stars

Okay I have to admit...I wanted this app just to see if I could really track my wife when she makes a trip to our neighborhood Fred Meyer. It works. Obviously I'm not giving my 16 month old a smart phone to check in with Mom & Dad, but it is nice to know I have the option to keep track of my family members. You can purchase a small GPS devise from Life360 to put on your pet or your child if you so desire. My favorite feature of this app is the "check in", this way when I forget my wife was having lunch with her friend I don't panic when I get home from work and she's not there. The free app also incorporates a sex offender search and panic/ family alert button. As soon as I launched the application it tracked my location to within 40 feet. It was very easy to set up my wife's phone (you can either send them an invite, or take the phone and do it yourself). I don't have a teenager, but I'm sure this would be a wonderful application to make sure they are where they're supposed to be. One downside, as with all apps that utilize GPS, it does drain your battery life quickly. This app is customizable, simple, and fun...I would strongly recommend giving it a go. **Life Security 360**



- 6 White Noise (by TM Soft)

Cost-\$1.99 (Lite Version is Free)

Android Market Review Score-4.5 stars

This is a straight forward and simple app that you can use anywhere you need your baby to sleep. It's kind of like a pack-n-play because you can take it with you, on trips, at your in-laws, or even while riding in the car. White noise has been a proven sleep aid helping parent's sooth their babies and children worldwide. This application combines 40 of the most amazing ambient sounds in a nice little package that is user friendly and very effective. It's a can't miss and must add to your parent app collection. **White Noise**



. As the father of 18 month old little girl, who shares her fathers affinity for all things gadget, this app is a life savor. I grabbed this App from the Android Marketplace.

The beauty of the app is its simplicity. I was in the market for an app that would lock my phone and entertain my child for 5 minutes so I can pay the bill at the restaurant, or finished the last 5 miles of a 6 hour long vacation drive. Watch Toddler Lock for Android on our Video Podcast.

Toddler Lock

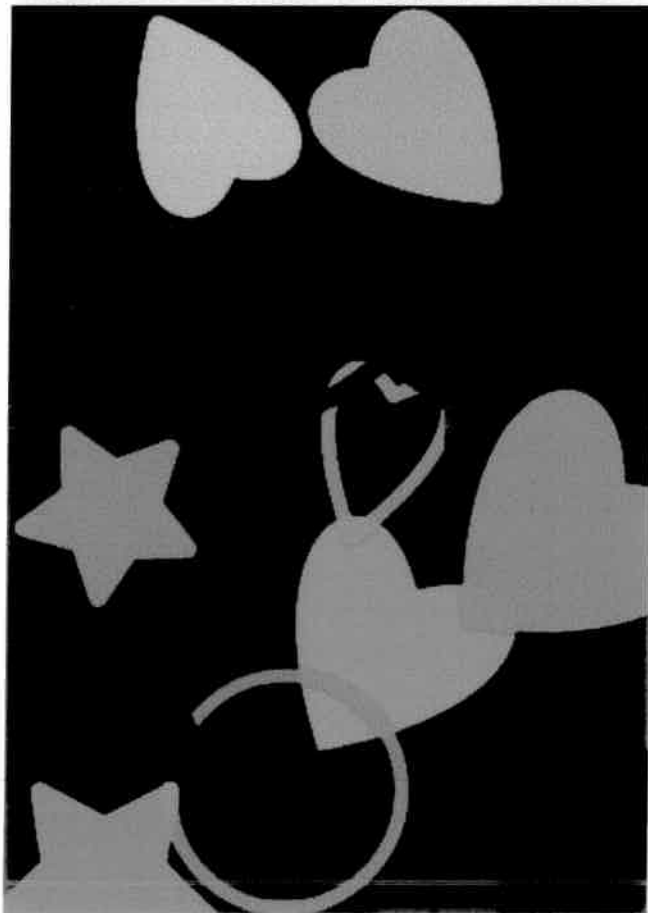
This is Booya Baby's features app with a dedicated article and demo video . Click on the link below and be amazed by an app that locks your phone and entertains your toddler. This app is simple and extremely useful.

This app delivers. Basically there are two steps involved in this App.

1. Launch Todder Lock
2. Hand Android to your child

Your toddler can draw across the black background or hit the screen creating different shapes and colors. If you own a slide phone the buttons on the slide will also create different shapes. None of the buttons on the phone will allow your toddler out of the App to make embarrassing phone calls to friends you haven't spoken to in ages. (Trust me this happens)

To exit or change settings, press: 1 (one), 0 (zero), Space ...



The "End Call" key will put the screen to sleep, but pressing it again will wake the screen back up. The toddler can pull the white bar on the top of the screen down to erase their masterpiece and begin sketching all over again. Once you have had enough fun you can exit the app by pressing the Q,P and Space key in that order.

I have run this App on my LG Ally and my Motorola Droid 2, both of which are running Android 2.2 Froyo. I haven't convinced Booya Cuz to run this on his Xoom for verification; maybe some of our users can keep the pressure on him.

If you are a parent and trusting enough to hand your Android to your Toddler, you need this App. Thanks to Marco Nelissen. His App is free, but he does accept donations. He already has a Halloween version of Toddler Lock and hopefully other holiday versions are in the works.

Have a look at the App in action. This demo will give you an idea of what to expect and it does the job and it's Toddler approved.

Youtube instruction video - <http://www.booyagadget.com/2011/04/best-android-apps-toddler-lock.html>