

DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT****SELF-CONCEPT****GOAL 36: CHILDREN PERCEIVE THEMSELVES AS UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
36 to 60 Months	Uses strategies to differentiate themselves from others, and to get their needs met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demonstrates awareness of their abilities, characteristics, and preferences. ▪ Refers to self by first and last name and uses appropriate pronouns (I, me) rather than referring to self in the third person. ▪ Chooses individual activities when practicing skills (e.g. doing puzzles, painting). ▪ Expresses self in different roles during pretend play, often in solitary play, and later in this age group, while associating with other children. ▪ Uses words to express feelings about separating from, and reuniting with primary caregiver. ▪ Compares self with others. ▪ Describes self as a person with a mind, a body, and feelings. ▪ Describes family members and begins to understand their relationship to one another. ▪ Attempts to exert will and preferences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acknowledge child's accomplishments. ▪ Encourage child to experiment with growing competence and individuality by providing child opportunities to make choices or decisions. ▪ Offer many and varied opportunities for children to document their skills and abilities, including digital pictures, dictated stories, family photos, and charts and graphs of children's ideas and opinions.