

DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****PRAGMATIC BEHAVIOR****GOAL 31: CHILDREN PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<p>6 to 18 Months</p>	<p>Makes connections and associations with people, places, and regular routines.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responds to other children in their environment by looking at and reaching toward peers. ▪ Sustains observation of children as they play in groups. ▪ Plays beside children with similar toys, but without sharing those toys (Simple parallel play is where children play beside each other, though not together). ▪ Sits together with other children and supervising adults during some activities (e.g. mealtimes, short story times, or nap time). ▪ Imitates others' behaviors in a group (e.g. claps hands, waves). ▪ Shows empathy for a child who is crying or upset. ▪ Takes turns where the wait is short, with assistance. ▪ Establishes personal space among group of children, with adult assistance. ▪ Recognizes some children's and adult's names. ▪ Responds with anticipation to familiar routines and rituals in the child care setting or family. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide opportunities for child to interact and play with a few children, with adult support. ▪ In group settings, be certain there is adequate space for babies and older babies to move among each other safely. For those who are walking, talk about and physically guide them to find space as they negotiate around and over each other. ▪ Plan regular group singing and rhythmic movement, and take spontaneous opportunities to sing and move in groups. ▪ Provide consistent daily care routine or schedule. ▪ Use names of children and adults in the group and the family. ▪ Verbally describe events in the child care group or family (e.g. tell child when there will be transitions, what is happening when another child or adult is distressed, or when celebrations are happening). ▪ Help older children in this range do simple tasks for the good of the group or family (e.g. pick up and put away some toys, put dirty shirt in the laundry hamper, push a chair in).