

DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****APPRECIATING DIVERSITY****GOAL 34: CHILDREN ADAPT TO DIVERSE SETTINGS.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	Shows awareness of safe relationships and environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Watches primary attachment figures' movements, calling to them and seeking proximity to them. ▪ Explores new settings with support from caregiver. ▪ Shows awareness of the possibility of hazards in different settings by clinging or staying close to caregiver. ▪ May use familiar item or behavior for comfort (e.g. sucking thumb, rubbing ear, holding a favored blanket or stuffed animal). ▪ Shows a range of levels of concern or anxiety when separated from primary caregiver. ▪ Reacts to strangers with initial caution, sometimes refusing to look at or respond to them. ▪ Warms up to unfamiliar people with time and support from familiar people. ▪ May show irritability when routines are disrupted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide child with opportunities to view and explore new environments, with patient and calm adult support. ▪ Reassure child and offer comfort in new setting by staying close. ▪ Read child's cues and body language when in new situations (e.g. when child shows distress, stay close, reassure, and limit exposure time). ▪ Provide child with items that feel and smell familiar when a child is going to experience separation for a time. ▪ In child care settings, learn at least a few words for soothing feelings and a few words for everyday routines from a child's home language. ▪ Provide child with consistent objects and routines to help adapt to changes in settings.