

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LANGUAGE****EXPRESSIVE/ORAL LANGUAGE****GOAL 55: CHILDREN USE LANGUAGE FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	Uses vocalizations and words to express wants, needs, and feelings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Produces different cries for different reasons. ▪ Vocalizes in response to others' vocalizations. ▪ Imitates facial expressions. ▪ Vocalizes in response to singing. ▪ Whines with a purpose. ▪ Replaces most gestures with words. ▪ Plays simple games with an adult (peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake). ▪ Responds to peer vocalizations and words. ▪ Says single words to convey meaning (e.g. "Up," meaning, I want up.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respond to child's vocalizations and gestures and sustains interactions. ▪ Respond to child's crying by providing words for communication intent (e.g. "You're scared.>"). ▪ Describe the child's actions (e.g. "You want help?" "You want something to eat?"). ▪ Provide words to describe child's feelings (hungry, tired, wet). ▪ Give wait time to child to encourage turn-taking. ▪ Create opportunities for a need to communicate. ▪ Provide opportunities for child to contribute with single words as you make up a story. ▪ Ask "wh" questions (why, who, what, where, when). ▪ Immerse child in a language-rich environment.