

Goal 64 NOTE: This goal statement only applies to children whose home language is not English. Children must continue to grow and progress in their home language while learning another language.

Language in this goal statement refers to the “spoken word” or oral language, communication, and fluency. It does not refer to the written word such as reading or writing.

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY

SUB-DOMAIN: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

DUAL LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

GOAL 64: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCY IN HOME LANGUAGE WHILE ACQUIRING BEGINNING PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	<p>Demonstrates varying competency in learning English depending on age, onset, and amount of language exposure.</p> <p>Develops communication skills in home language, including words and gestures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responds to familiar words and gestures in the home language. ▪ Responds to simple voice commands and labeling in two languages. ▪ Communicates needs in one- to two-word phrases in home language. ▪ Uses eight to ten spoken words in home language, though may not use spoken words in the English vocabulary. ▪ Communicates needs through single-word speech in home language and through facial expression, gestures, or actions (points to desired object) if attempting to communicate in English. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Connect child to other native speakers, especially other children. ▪ Read bilingual books on a regular basis. ▪ Encourage child to use words in both languages. ▪ When presenting child with words in English, present them in groups (animal names) and within a context. ▪ Help child link English vocabulary to real-life experiences by using pictures, objects, places, and events. ▪ Continue to use home language with child to build a strong home language base. ▪ Play music from the child’s home culture and in the home language, as well as English. ▪ Learn tone, key words, and common gestures of child’s home language.