

<b>DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>SUB-DOMAIN: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>PRAGMATIC BEHAVIOR</b>			
<b>GOAL 33: CHILDREN DEVELOP A SENSE OF HUMOR.</b>			
Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
<b>Birth through 8 Months</b>	Smiles and laughs with pleasure, often in response to primary caregiver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reacts with calm demeanor to physical sensations (rocking, lifting).</li> <li>▪ Shows differential reactions to familiar and unfamiliar.</li> <li>▪ Smiles, and later laughs, in response to environment, animals, and people.</li> <li>▪ Reacts positively to small surprises such as sounds, faces, and Peek-a-Boo.</li> <li>▪ Begins to initiate interactions with caregivers or other children.</li> <li>▪ Watches and observes the environment and the people and animals in it.</li> <li>▪ Recognizes and takes interest in new experiences and objects.</li> <li>▪ Engages in reciprocal interactions with others (e.g. gazing, smiling, and making sounds).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop secure relationship where child can trust caregiver responses and routines.</li> <li>▪ Hold infants about 10 inches from your face so the baby can see your smile and your eyes. Smile often.</li> <li>▪ Become familiar with child's temperament and approach to learning, so you can choose the ways that bring pleasure to the child's life.</li> <li>▪ Use surprise faces/expressions to amuse and bring interest to the child's day.</li> <li>▪ Play Peek-a-Boo and other games where fun is a part of the interactions.</li> <li>▪ Make simple jokes and amusing actions, then laugh with the children.</li> <li>▪ Offer reassurance if child withdraws when laughter or joy become overwhelming. Infants need time to calm when stimulated, so be sure to take cues from the child about ending interactions.</li> <li>▪ Caregivers and families can talk often to communicate things that make a baby happy and peaceful.</li> <li>▪ Communicate across caregivers to understand ways to offer culturally sensitive humor and actions.</li> </ul>