

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
Birth through 8 Months	Uses a variety of vocalizations and gestures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vocalizes and uses gestures to get attention (cries to get needs met). ▪ Experiments with and uses sounds and facial expressions. ▪ Laughs to display emotion. ▪ Shows more interest and responds more to people than objects. ▪ Vocalizes and uses gestures to express pleasure and displeasure. ▪ Vocalizes sounds other than crying and cooing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respond to child's vocalizations by smiling and giving attention. ▪ Respond to message behind child's crying (hungry, tired, hurt). ▪ Use playful sounds in interactions with child; make talking a fun thing to do. ▪ Use descriptive talk during daily routines (changing diaper, feeding). ▪ Use animated expressions and language. ▪ As baby makes sounds, describe the sound and the outcome the sound has (e.g. "You are crying hard. You must need me to get your food ready." "You are making soft little sounds. You must want me to rock you.").