

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY****WRITING****GOAL 61: WRITING - CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF LETTERS AND SYMBOLS.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
Birth through 8 Months	Acquires visual and motor foundational experiences for later concept development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uses senses to explore the environment. ▪ Attend to contrasting colors and patterns. ▪ Attend to near, far, and moving objects. ▪ Follows objects and people with sustained gaze. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer mobiles, toys, and pictures with simple, contrasting colors and patterns. ▪ Offer objects that are within in a variety of distances from the child. ▪ Pair visual stimulation with movement (i.e. for baby with hand arm and leg control, offer objects for kicking and swatting for a cause and effect action). ▪ Provide opportunities to explore objects.