

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY			
SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY			
WRITING			
GOAL 63: WRITING - CHILDREN USE WRITING FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES.			
Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
Birth through 8 Months	Progresses from reflexive movement to intentional movement, especially in hand skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasingly uses tactile exploration. ▪ Reaches for and manipulates items using both hands. ▪ Brings arms and hands across midline. ▪ Moves from reflexive grasp to intentional grasps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide different textures (soft towel, plastic rattle, furry kitty) for the child to explore. ▪ Describe the feeling of objects (soft, hard, fuzzy, or cool). ▪ Hold baby in lap while reading from a picture book. Let the baby explore with all senses. ▪ Present bright-colored or contrasting objects within child's visual field. Gradually hold more objects closer to or farther from child, horizontally from side to side, or in and out of child's visual field, being sure to let the child reach for and grasp the objects. ▪ Offer objects that are easily grasped such as squishy balls, soft blocks, rattles, board books, toy keys, or textured blankets. ▪ Offer opportunity to pat and splash in water.