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Chapter 7: Caring for Infants and Toddlers

Beginning Reflections

Read the following writing prompt. Then record your thoughts about how you view infants and toddlers.

Which of the following is the primary way you think about infants and toddlers?

- Babies are so cute and have such adorable antics. They deserve adults who delight in them.
- Babies are fragile and unable to care for themselves. They need constant care and attention.
- Babies get into everything. They need adults to keep them safe.
- Babies are active explorers and natural scientists. They deserve opportunities for rich learning experiences.

Although all of the above statements about babies are true, it's useful for you, as an infant and toddler teacher, to reflect on your predominant view of the children you spend your days with. How you think about your babies and their ways in the world will determine how you plan for and respond to them. Use the space below to explain how you view infants and toddlers.

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