

Infant-Toddler Caregiver Self-Assessment for Social Development

Teacher's Name	Children's Age Group						
Date							
Instructions: Read each statement and put a check mark in the column	that best des	scribes how ofte	n you do this				
Infant-Toddler Caregiving Practices for Social Development	Never	Sometimes	Always				
0-4 Months							
I hold, cuddle, and talk to each baby.							
 I position babies so they can see and watch one another. 							
4-8 Months							
I move to music with a baby in my arms.							
 I hold babies on my lap and talk about other babies, pointing to them, calling them by name, and describing what they are doing. 							
 I place babies in front of mirrors and talk with them, pointing out their image in the mirror. 							
 I model and teach babies how to interact with and touch one another. 							
8-12 Months							
 I name babies' body parts when two of them are near one another. 							
 I place babies close to one another. 							
 I model and teach babies how to be close to one another as they play with toys. 							
12–18 Months							
 I call babies by name and teach each baby the name of other babies in the group. 							
 I sing greeting, transition, and good-bye songs that use each baby's name. 							
 I model and teach kindness, gentle touch, and respect for each baby in the group. 							
 I notice and verbally describe babies' social interactions with one another. 							
 I hold babies on my lap or close to me while looking at books together. 							

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Infant-Toddler Caregiving Practices for Social Development		Never	Sometimes	Always		
18-24 Months						
•	I act as a secure base and verbally encourage toddlers to venture out and play.					
•	I model and teach toddlers how to play near one another.					
•	I encourage kindness and model how toddlers can gently touch each other.					
	I verbally model prosocial words and phrases for toddlers.					
•	I model and encourage cooperation and helping during play and cleanup and throughout the day.					
•	I model and help toddlers do things together.					
Two-Year-Olds						
•	I plan and arrange play opportunities where toddlers can interact.					
•	I model and encourage nurturing behaviors with stuffed toys and dolls.					
•	I am attentive to toddlers' emotional cues and respond in ways that are respectful and nurturing while verbally describing how they might be feeling.					
•	I model and teach toddlers how to play with others with actions and words.					

Look at the items you marked "Always" and list these on your Caregiver Professional Development Plan (appendix N) as skills to mentor in others. Look at the items you marked "Never" or "Sometimes" and list these items on your Caregiver Professional Development Plan to learn and practice.