

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LITERACY****WRITING****GOAL 62: WRITING - CHILDREN USE WRITING SKILLS AND DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF WRITING CONVENTIONS.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
16 to 38 Months	Intentionally uses tools to write and draw.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adjusts body position to facilitate holding tools. ▪ Holds paper with one hand while writing with the other hand. ▪ Copies vertical and horizontal lines. ▪ Makes circular motions with writing utensil. ▪ Uses a variety of writing tools. ▪ Begins to use fingers to hold writing tools instead of fist. ▪ Uses whole arm to make writing movement. ▪ Scribbles and makes unplanned and intentionally meaningful marks. ▪ Names scribbles (tells others what scribbles mean). ▪ Writes on paper, without regard to location or direction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide opportunities for the child to draw. ▪ Model appropriate grasp of writing and drawing tools. ▪ Provide opportunities for child to explore various mediums with supervision. ▪ Discuss and identify figures that the child draws (e.g. "That's a circle." "That's a straight line."). ▪ Write child's comments at the bottom of drawings, collages, or photos. ▪ Engage child in writing in a variety of play settings. ▪ Provide opportunities for child to draw and paint in a variety of positions (while standing, outdoors on a hard surface, kneeling on floor).