

DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****PRAGMATIC BEHAVIOR****GOAL 32: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	Reacts to emotions and actions of familiar children and adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognizes and reacts to strong emotion in caregiver or other children. ▪ Uses social referencing (others' reaction) and displays of emotions when watching behaviors of others. ▪ Shows interest in and excitement about animals and other living things. ▪ Uses multiple senses to explore plants, flowers, and other living things. ▪ Responds differentially to friendly and unfriendly faces. ▪ Offers objects, food, and hugs to others. ▪ Sometimes offers an object, a hug, or pat to comfort another person who is upset. ▪ Shows concern when others are hurt. ▪ Matches emotional expression or state to that of others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be aware and respectful of cultural differences in the expression of emotions. ▪ Provide mirrors and opportunities for child to see faces and emotions, including their own. ▪ Recognize when baby moves away and looks for the response of a caregiver. ▪ Provide child with regular opportunities for big, exciting play outdoors, face to face with children and adults. ▪ Provide opportunities for child to observe and play with animals, as appropriate and safe. ▪ Provide opportunities for children to play together using social games and songs such as rolling a ball, or singing songs that are joyful, such as "When You're Happy and You Know It." ▪ Follow child's lead when child is hurt or moving away from the caregiver (e.g. allow child to react first, then support with appropriate response). ▪ Name emotions expressed by others (e.g. "She's happy because she just got her favorite food, yogurt!").