

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: COMMUNICATION****LISTENING****GOAL 48: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE THE MEANING OF LANGUAGE BY LISTENING.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	Recognizes names for familiar people and objects. Responds to simple requests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When verbally cued, looks toward and points to objects. ▪ Reaches for familiar objects with verbal and gestural cues. ▪ Demonstrates understanding of names of familiar people by orienting body towards, looking at, or moving in person's directions. ▪ Engages in call and response play (i.e. when child makes sound, then adult makes same sound; child engages in back and forth call and response). ▪ Shows understanding of words by appropriate behavior or gesture (pointing to, hugging, smiling, crawling towards, reaching). ▪ Begins to imitate adult actions that go along with simple songs, rhymes, and traditional songs such as "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," "Pat-A-Cake," and "Eensy Weensy Spider." ▪ Follows single-step directions with gestures (e.g. "Please bring me the ball."). ▪ Follows single-step directions without gestures (e.g. "Please bring me the ball."). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Respond to the child's sounds, offering a duet of sound, tones, response. ▪ Point to and name objects in the environment. ▪ Name objects and actions you use in daily care of the child and name the child's reactions to your actions. ▪ Play simple games that include a physical response to words such as peek-a-boo, pat-a-cake, and so big. ▪ Sing traditional songs and recite finger plays. Sing and recite slowly so child has time to listen and respond to what they hear. ▪ Read picture books, talk about what is in the pictures, and ask for child to point to things in the books. ▪ Give simple one-step directions. ▪ So that children can see the purpose of listening, describe what children are doing. Use phrases such as, "You are putting the blocks in the basket." "You heard your Mom come in the room." "You heard Caleb crying and you looked for him."