

DOMAIN 5: COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY**SUB-DOMAIN: LANGUAGE****COMPREHENSION****GOAL 54: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE COMPREHENSION AND MEANING IN LANGUAGE.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
6 to 18 Months	Responds and attends to verbal and nonverbal communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Turns and looks at new sounds. ▪ Recognizes own name. ▪ Responds to simple directions (e.g. "Wave bye-bye."). ▪ Attends to those who are speaking. ▪ Reacts to loud, angry, and friendly voices with changed facial expression. ▪ Through play, may understand prepositions (in and on). ▪ Responds to gestures (waves bye-bye when someone waves). ▪ Shows emotional response that matches the emotion of the person talking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talk, sign, sing, and read to child. ▪ Read colorful books to child. Point to pictures and encourage child to look at the picture. ▪ Use simple and repetitive language. ▪ Model appropriate language. Use the correct name of the object (bottle, not baba). Use simple sentences. ▪ Point and label objects, toys, and people in their natural setting. ▪ Encourage response to vocalizations. ▪ Use a variety of experiences, people, activities, and settings to introduce varied vocabulary. ▪ Indicate to child that you comprehend what he/she is saying, gesturing, and expressing. ▪ Engage in conversations with child about things seen or experienced in familiar environments. ▪ Repeat questions and instructions, if necessary.