

DOMAIN 1: APPROACHES TO LEARNING AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: LEARNING APPROACHES****CREATIVITY AND INVENTIVENESS****GOAL 2: CHILDREN GENERATE/CREATE NEW IDEAS, APPROACHES, AND ACTIVITIES IN DAILY ROUTINES.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
Birth through 8 Months	Actively explores self and immediate surroundings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Turns toward, and responds to familiar voices and/or unfamiliar sounds. ▪ Calms to mother's smell. ▪ Physically searches for nipple using touch and smell. ▪ Inspects own hands and feet, visually and by mouthing. ▪ Grasps items reflexively and mouths them, then later grasps purposefully to shake, bang, drop, and throw objects. ▪ Cries, coos, and makes single syllable sounds specific to certain activities. ▪ Startles easily around sounds, smells, textures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offer sensory play daily with baby, including sound and touch. Play with baby every day. ▪ Provide toys and experiences with colors, size, textures, sounds, shapes, and smells. ▪ Change materials, toys, and objects in baby's environment regularly. ▪ Use every day routines for baby's creativity and exploration (e.g. when feeding a baby let them touch the food while describing what they might be feeling, or during diapering, telling a child, "This wipe will feel cold.>"). ▪ Describe what the baby is experiencing (e.g. "That ball feels squishy." "Hear that drum go boom, boom, boom." "You found your hands.>").