

DOMAIN 3: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SUB-DOMAIN: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****APPRECIATING DIVERSITY****GOAL 35: CHILDREN RECOGNIZE, APPRECIATE, AND RESPECT SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLE.**

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
Birth through 8 Months	Shows habituation to sameness in sounds, voices, and environmental conditions, and reacts to changes when differences occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Focuses gaze and tracks people, sounds, and objects in the environment. ▪ Reacts reflexively when startled by change in sounds or movement. ▪ Calms to repetitious sound, voices, and movement. ▪ Notices others' physical characteristics (e.g. reaches toward people). ▪ Smiles in response to people's smiles, including familiar and unfamiliar people. ▪ Reacts calmly, most of the time, to primary caregivers' faces and voices. ▪ Reacts with curiosity to unfamiliar faces, voices, sounds, and tastes. ▪ Distinguishes primary caregivers from others (as the baby progresses through this this age range). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share and explore family and community culture with child. ▪ Model appreciation for diversity with family members, caregivers, and familiar adults in the child's environment. ▪ Use familiar voices and intonation, familiar ways of moving a baby from place to place, and familiar songs, music, and lighting. Be mindful when introducing differences in these and acknowledge the child's different sensory experience by soothing and modeling a calm reaction to the changes. ▪ Use sign language, gestures, words, varying tones of voice, various touches, and introduce various types of music and visual stimulation to expose the child to variety.