

Positive Peer Interactions

Infants



Infants...

- Respond when you call them by name.
- Enjoy playing and interacting with sounds back and forth.
- Enjoy simple interactive games like Peekaboo and pattycake.
- Are interested in other babies and children.
- Enjoy watching other people interacting with the world around them.
- Imitate peers and adults' sounds, actions and facial expressions.



Adults can nurture social interaction skills by...

- Using infants' names when you speak to them.
- Engage in communication and play by taking turns 'talking'.
- Modeling and describing turn taking while playing together.
- Placing infants near each other at play and meals.
- Talking to them about how other infants or adults might be feeling.
- Modeling and verbalizing social skills with all infants (e.g. gentle touches, sharing).