

# Positive Peer Interactions

## Your infant....

...responds  
when you  
call them by  
name.

...enjoys  
playing with  
sounds back  
and forth

...enjoys simple  
interactive  
games like  
Peekaboo



...is interested  
in other babies  
and children

...enjoys  
watching other  
people

...imitates  
others' sounds,  
actions and  
facial  
expressions

## Nurture social interaction skills by....

...using  
infants' names  
when you  
speak to them

...engaging in  
communication  
and play, taking  
turns 'talking'

...modelling  
taking turns  
while playing  
together



...placing infants  
near each other  
at play and  
meals

...talking to  
them about  
how other  
infants might  
be feeling

...modelling  
social skills  
with all infants  
(e.g. gentle  
touches,  
requesting)

Your toddler...

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...is beginning to recognize others' feelings

...likes to talk and is using words

...likes to show affection  
(e.g. give hugs and kisses)

...likes to help with simple tasks

...loves to imitate others

...enjoys hearing songs and stories

...recognizes themselves in pictures

...is beginning to play cooperatively with others



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Support toddler  
peer interactions



...modelling taking  
turns to talk in your  
interactions

...encouraging  
caring and  
showing comfort  
to others in  
distress

...planning  
opportunities  
for children to  
play  
cooperatively  
with toys

...staying  
close to  
assist with  
peer  
interactions

...modelling your  
own use of  
friendship skills  
(e.g. caring &  
helping)

...singing songs  
and reading  
stories about  
being friends

...documenting  
the children in  
your room  
demonstrating  
positive peer  
interactions

...playing  
simple turn  
taking and  
name games

...helping  
children  
understand  
their peers'  
intentions