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Assessing caregiver-baby interactions



Look



Recognize



Respond



Baby Cues

Engagement Cues



- ◆ Overt
- ◆ Looking intently at face
- ◆ Rooting
- ◆ Feeding sounds
- ◆ Smiling
- ◆ Smooth body movements
- ◆ Subtle
- ◆ Eyes open
- ◆ Face relaxed
- ◆ Feeding posture
- ◆ Raising head
- ◆ Following voice and face

Disengagement Cues



- ◆ Overt
- ◆ Turns away
- ◆ Pushing, arching away
- ◆ Crying
- ◆ Coughing/choking
- ◆ Extending fingers, stiff hand
- ◆ Falling asleep
- ◆ Subtle
- ◆ Looks away
- ◆ Fast breathing
- ◆ Yawning
- ◆ Hand to ear
- ◆ Grimace
- ◆ Glazed look



Conversation Starters

Use these ideas to start talking to caregivers about interacting with their babies.

Look:

"What a wonderful baby!" or "Your baby is adorable!" or "Look at her...how sweet..."

Recognize:

"Aren't babies amazing! They can tell us what they want by the way they look and act. Your baby is probably trying to tell us..."

Respond:

"Every baby is different, but I think your baby is... Let's try... and see what happens"