# BREADTH OF THE THREE CHILD OUTCOME



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The three child outcomes, measured by early intervention and early childhood special education systems, encompass functional skills and behaviors that are meaningful for a child's participation in everyday routines. They cut across developmental domains to represent the integrated nature of how children develop, learn, and thrive. The breadth of these outcomes provides a framework for describing and consistently measuring children's functional skills and behaviors across settings and situations.

#### **Relating with Caregivers**

Demonstrate regulation and attachment, respond/initiate/sustain interactions, acknowledge comings and goings...



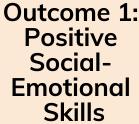
# Attending to Other People in a Variety of Settings

Express awareness/caution, respond to/offer greetings, respond to own/others' names...



## Interacting with Peers

Convey awareness, respond/initiate/ sustain interactions, share/cope/resolve conflicts, play near and with peers...



(including social relationships)



# Participating in Social Games & Communicating with Others

Respond to/initiate/sustain games and back-andforth communication, demonstrate joint attention, engage in mutual activity, follow rules of games...



# Following Social Norms & Adapting to Change in Routines

Transition between activities, respond to new/familiar settings/interactions, behave in ways that allow participation, follow routines and rules...



#### Expressing Own Emotions & Responding to Emotions of Others

Show pride/excitement/frustration, manage own emotions, display affection, and comfort others...



### imitate/repeat actions, explore environment...

## **Using Problem Solving** Figure things out, use trial and error,

remember steps/actions and execute them with intention, experiment with new/known actions...



## Outcome 2: Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills



#### **Understanding Pre-Academics & Literacy**

Notice differences or associations among things, demonstrate matching/sorting/labeling by size/color/shape/numbers/function, interact with books and pictures, practice early writing and reading...



#### **Acquiring Language to Communicate**

Learn and use sounds, words, and sentences with increasing complexity including sign language and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)...



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# Understanding Questions Asked & Directions Given

Respond to gestures/verbal requests, understand meaning of increasingly complex words/questions/ directions, know and state details about self (e.g., name, age)...

#### **Engaging in Purposeful Play**

Show early awareness and exploration, use objects according to function, play by building, pretending, organizing and expanding play scenarios and roles...



# Moving Around & Manipulating Things to Meet Needs

Move with increasing control and purpose (e.g., reach, roll, crawl, walk, run, climb) to navigate the environment - with accommodations as needed, manipulate objects/tools (e.g., crayons, scissors, switches, fragile items) with increasing control...



utensils, hold bottle, drink from cup, show growing independence with amount/type of food eaten, access food and feed self....

and clothes, undo/do fasteners...



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# Outcome 3: Use of Appropriate Behaviors to Meet Needs



# Diapering/Toileting & Washing with Increasing Independence

Lift legs for diaper change, sit on potty, wash hands, brush teeth, help with bathing...



#### Communicating Needs

Indicate hunger/need for sleep/diaper change, express discomfort/hurt, request or reject food, express choice/preferences...



#### Showing Safety Awareness

Avoid dangers (e.g., putting things in mouth, touching hot stove), follow safety rules across settings and situations...

Note: This awareness is less evident in very young children

