## CONVERSATION STARTERS AND AFFIRMATIONS

Look, Recognize, Respond

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

LOOK:	<ul> <li>What a wonderful/handsome/cute baby!</li> <li>What a cute outfit your baby is wearing.</li> <li>Your baby is adorable/is so alert/looks so healthy.</li> <li>Look at herhow sweet</li> <li>That's really great that you have your baby close to you (affirm).</li> </ul>
RECOGNIZE:	<ul> <li>Aren't babies amazing! They can tell us what they want by the way they look and act.</li> <li>Every baby is different, but I think your baby might be telling you</li> <li>What do you think your baby is telling you?</li> <li>What do you think your baby needs right now?</li> <li>You really seem to know what your baby is telling you (affirm).</li> </ul>
RESPOND:	<ul> <li>Let's tryand see what happens.</li> <li>What else might you do?</li> <li>It looks like your baby is ready to play (or is hungry or needs something to be different).</li> <li>Look how he calms down when you hold him (affirm).</li> <li>I really like the way you responded to your baby (affirm).</li> </ul>







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