

## Social-Emotional Development at 12 Months



- Your baby responds to her name when you call her.
- Your baby is interested in other babies and children.
- Your baby shows many emotions, such as happiness, sadness, discomfort, and anger.
- Your baby may be shy around new people or seem jealous if you pay attention to someone else. He may need some time to watch and warm up to new people and new places.
- Your baby may have fears, such as fear of falling, darkness, large animals, loud sounds, or changes in routines.
- Your baby responds differently to strangers than she does to family members and friends she sees a lot.
- Your baby wants you in his sight all the time. He may get upset when you leave him with someone else.
- Your baby imitates other children and adults. She may imitate sounds, actions, and facial expressions.
- Your baby gives affection by hugging and kissing. He may hug or kiss you, familiar children and adults, pets, or stuffed animals.
- Your baby watches other people. She may respond to someone's pain by crying or showing distress.
- Your baby is beginning to show his likes and dislikes. He may push things away that he does not like. He may feel attached to a special toy or blanket.
- Your baby is becoming more independent. She may seem stubborn or frustrated when she cannot do something herself.