

Promote the Resilience and Social and Emotional Health of INFANTS

Activity Title: Mirror Partners

Purpose of Activity:

Help your infant start to recognize facial expressions and body movements. This will help you be in tune with each other. You will get a chance to really look closely at each other, and have fun at the same time!

Materials:

No materials needed.

Steps:

- 1. Sit your infant on your lap, lay her on a blanket on her back, or place her on her tummy and lay across from her on your tummy as well.
- 2. Make various facial expressions. See if your infant reacts.
- 3. Continue this game, taking the lead unless your infant starts to make her own facial expressions.
- 4. Describe what your child is doing. "You are watching daddy so closely!"
- 5. If your infant makes a facial expression or moves her body, try to mimic her!
- 6. As you play, talk about what she is doing. "You are waving your hands and saying 'ga-ga-ga-ga!"