



Activity: Milestones of Early Literacy Development

Session 7: Talk, Play, Read, Write and Sing		Time Allotted: 15 minutes
Topic: Supporting a Child's Early Literacy	Training Method: Walk-about	Group Size: Small Group

Outcomes of Activity:

Participants will identify the language and literacy milestones of children 6 months to 5 years

Materials

Participant	Trainer	Equipment
HO- Milestones of Early Literacy	HO- Milestones of Early Literacy	Flip Chart Paper Markers

Instructions:

Trainer Preparation:

1. Label flip chart paper accordingly and hang around the room
 - 6-12 months- Motor Development
 - 12-24 months- Communication and Cognition
 - 2-3 years- Anticipatory Glance
 - 3-4 years- Communication and Cognition
 - 4-5 years- Motor Development

Activity Steps:

1. Ensure participants have the HO- Milestones of Early Literacy Development
2. Encourage participants to walk around the room and write down the actions a child within the age group would do based on their development (take 5-7 minutes to complete)
3. Pick one volunteer for each page to read what is written. Have other participants retake their seats.
4. Share and discuss being sure to reference the HO- Milestones of Early Literacy Development for other ideas.

Include key points to recap activity - Ask leading questions:

- Why is it important to know early literacy milestones?
- Are there other examples you can share that are currently being used in your programs?

Example

Motor Development 6-12 mo

- Holds head steady
- Sits in lap without support
- Grasps book, puts in mouth
- Drops, throws book