Look

- Baby Cues
- Disengagement Cues

Engagement Cues

- Baby Cues

Recognize

- Conversation Starters

Respond

Assessing caregiver-baby interactions

Baby Cues

Engagement Cues

- Looking intently at face
- Rooting
- Feeding sounds
- Smiling
- Smooth body movements
- Eyes open
- Face relaxed
- Feeding posture
- Raising head
- Following voice and face
- Following motion
- Smiling baby
- Breastfeeding signals
- Following hands
- Following movement of face

Disengagement Cues

- Turns away
- Pushing, arching away
- Crying
- Coughing/choking
- Extending fingers, stiff hand
- Falling asleep
- Looks away
- Fast breathing
- Yawning
- Hand to ear
- Grimace
- Glazed look

Conversation Starters

Look:

- Every baby is different. But I think your baby is... Let’s see... and see what happens.

Recognize:

- “What a wonderful baby!” or “Your baby is adorable!”
- “Look at her... how sweet...”
- “Look at him... how sweet...”

Respond:

- “Aren’t babies amazing! They can tell us what they want by the way they act.”
- “Aren’t babies amazing! They can tell us what they want by every way they react.”
- “Every baby is different, but I think your baby is... Let’s try... and see what happens.”

For use in talking to caregivers about interacting with their babies.