



STAGES OF SOCIAL PLAY DEVELOPMENT

EACH STAGE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF A CHILD'S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Unoccupied Play (Birth - 3 months): Babies are learning about their bodies. They spend most of their time moving their arms, feet, and legs.

Solitary Play (Birth - 2 years): During this stage, children enjoy playing on their own and exploring their environment independently.

Spectator/Onlooker Behavior (2 - 2.5 years): Children are now beginning to watch other children from a distance but there is no effort to join the play.

Parallel Play (2.5 - 3 years): Children are playing in closer proximity to one another but are not interacting with one another. They are paying a lot of attention to each other during this stage.

Associative Play (3 years): Children are becoming more interested in one another than they are in toys. They may share materials, but are not working together during play.

Co-operative Play (4 years): Children are sharing toys and ideas, as well as following rules during play. They are beginning to work together during play!