













### What are cognitive self-regulation skills?



- Often referred to as executive functioning skills
- Skills include:
  - Sustained attention
  - Impulse control
  - Flexibility in thinking
  - Working memory
- For infants and toddlers, developed in context of consistent, responsive relationships.

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# Why are cognitive self-regulation skills important?

- Acquire knowledge, learn new skills, and set and achieve goals.
- Learn to navigate
   experiences that are
   challenging, frustrating, or
   take time to accomplish.
- Support school readiness and life-long learning.



# Cognitive Self-Regulation ELOF Goals for Infants and Toddlers

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### Persistence

When you want to give up, or start to get distracted or overwhelmed, what do you do the help yourself persist?

Enter your strategies in the Q&A















# BASICS: Cognitive Self-Regulation Behavioral expectations in advance Attend to and encourage appropriate behavior Scaffold with cues and prompts Increase engagement C Create or add challenge Specific feedback

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### Behavioral Expectations in Advance



"We're going to go change your diaper and get ready for a nap."  $\,$ 

"You are laughing so much! I can tell you like peek-a-boo. We have to finish after one more time, but let's play again later."

"It's time to get our coats and hats. Sometimes they can be hard to put on. Give it a good try, and if you need help, you can ask me."

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# Attend to and Encourage Appropriate Behavior















































