

## INFANT PLAY MATERIALS PRESENTATION

*5-7 minute engaging presentation, groups of 3-4*

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Play Materials Presentation is for you to:

- Refine your skills presenting information
- Identify play materials appropriate for infants
- Analyze play materials for infants

**Task:** As infant/ toddler professionals, we are responsible to identify appropriate materials for infants and toddlers. In this presentation, you will analyze play materials to explain how infants and toddlers explore or manipulate materials and how the materials support a child's learning. You will work in small groups with two or three others to create an infant play materials presentation. Your group will find play material(s) that support infant learning in the following domains/areas:

- fine motor skills
- gross motor skills
- language and communication skills
- cognition
- math concepts
- social and emotional skills

Your group will explain to the class how the play materials specifically supports the development and learning of infants and toddlers. Your group will also explain how the material relates to the NYS Early Learning Guidelines (2020).

**Steps:** Follow these steps to complete the project:

- 1) Identify a play material(s) to represent each domain – you can identify individual play materials for each developmental domain, or play materials that represent multiple domains for children 0-18 months. The presentation should include:
  - a. Sharing the play material or a picture of the item(s)
  - b. Knowing the name of the play material
- 2) Explaining:
  - a. How an infant would explore and manipulate the material in a classroom setting
  - b. How the play material promotes development and learning in each domain
- 3) Connecting the play material to:
  - a. 5 or more assigned course readings/ materials
  - b. NYS Early Learning Guidelines (2020).
- 4) Preparing a presentation:
  - a. In which all members of the group speak
  - b. That is:
    - i. Clear, organized, coherent, and organized,
    - ii. Presented in an engaging manner
    - iii. Polished – there is evidence it has been rehearsed

### PLAY MATERIALS PRESENTATION CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

ELEMENT	DOES YOUR PRESENTATION:	Y/N
PLAY MATERIALS SELECTION	Identify play materials that are appropriate for infants (0-18 mos) & provide a clear, thorough explanation of how the materials would be used with rich, vivid details?	
USE OF SOURCES	Include info from 5 or more course readings, materials, & NYS Early Learning Guidelines (2020) thoughtfully, meaningfully & in context?	
DEVELOPMENTAL EXPLANATION	Explain how the play materials promotes development accurately and appropriately?	
GROUP WORK	Have all members of the group contributing & presenting?	
CLARITY	Include content that was clear, organized, coherent, polished, & organized, that was presented in an engaging manner?	