

Recognizing Cues

Gaze & State of Alertness



- Who or what are they looking at?
- What is their level of alertness?

Examples: bright gaze, looking away, eyes partly closed, yawning

Head & Body Position



- Is their head turned toward someone or something?
- Does their body seem relaxed or tense?

Examples: head tilted, arching back, tight fists

Facial Expressions



- What does their face seem to convey?

Examples: smiling, wrinkled nose and raised upper lip, yawning, pouting

Vocalizations



- What kind of sound are they making?
- What might they be trying to communicate?

Examples: cooing, babbling, talking, crying, whimpering

Motor Movements



- Do their movements seem organized and controlled?
- Are they moving toward or away from something?

Examples: crawling/walking away, waving arms, pointing, flailing, climbing