



## Name Games

Engage in games or songs with children's names. Using names to address children helps build their awareness of themselves as individuals.

- ◆ Have children take turns dancing in the middle of the circle while the others chant their name (e.g., "Go, (Child), Go, (Child)!").
- ◆ Roll a ball to a child and everyone says that child's name.
- ◆ Use a favorite puppet to go down the line or around the circle, or as a transition out of something to say hello or goodbye to each child using their name.
- ◆ Say hello/goodbye/goodnight to one child. When you move on to the next child, repeat the first child's name again. Build a chain until all names are included (e.g., "Hello Eric, Hello Eric and Tre..."). Add in movements that each child chooses for a challenge.

**More Support:** Help children make the connection between their name and themselves by using their name during play. For example, while they look in a mirror point out, "There's (Child). You are (Child). It's you!"