



Small Group Activity: Is This Normal?

The following child is in your program. Read the description and decide “what you would do?” to support this child in your program. As a group decide if the child’s behavior is normal or in need of further assessment. Write down the steps that you would take to support this child. Chose one member of your group to present a brief description of your child and your plan to the class.

Arianna is a four month old baby that has recently entered your program. She is a very good baby who seems to have settled into a good sleeping and eating pattern in the first few days. When she is awake she does not seem to respond to the voices of the children or the provider. Even when Arianna’s mother comes into the room unless Arianna has her mother in her line of sight she does not respond. When her mother is in front of her she can be observed responding with smiles and kicking her feet. Arianna’s mother reports that she sleeps through anything and everything. Yesterday one of the children knocked down a box of instruments which clattered all over the floor right behind where Arianna’s baby seat. Arianna did not turn to see what had happen or react at all. **What should you do?**

Use the space below to record your plan.