

HANDOUT

INTENTIONAL INTERACTIONS IN TEACHING

Supporting Concept Development: Deep Learning

WEB OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Three key ingredients help children reach a deep understanding:

- 1. Build on what children already know to make learning easier and more meaningful. Help children make connections between what they already know and what they are learning.
- **2. Plan multiple, related learning experiences** to explore the different aspects of a concept.
- 3. Provide children with ample time to explore and understand a concept. Extended investigation of a concept can take many weeks or months.

Pair up with your partner and choose one of the ideas related to the growth of people. Plan one or two learning experiences that will help children deepen their understanding of that aspect of growth and change. Write these learning experiences on your handout.

As children grow, they increase in size Learning **Experiences:** 1. Measuring children's heights on the wall **Concept:** As people grow and People need water, Growth and Change change over time, they food, and shelter to get older and can do survive and grow. more things. Learning Learning **Experiences: Experiences:** 1. Reading books about what 1. Dramatic play around birthdays people need to grow

Additional topics to continue building on the learning experiences about growth and change:

- Transformation through the life cycle
 - Caterpillar into a butterfly
 - Tadpole into a frog
- Baby animals growing into fullgrown animals
 - Puppies to dogs
 - Calves to cows

- Growth of vegetable plants or fruit trees
 - Tomato growing on a vine
 - Apple growing on a tree



