

# Caring for our babies

Learning story

Date: August 2011

Teacher Donna

Throughout the month Nicola has shown an interest in our baby dolls carrying them around giving them kisses, cuddles and dancing with them and passing them to the teachers for a cuddle. Nicola would always hold the babies gently with two hands and close to her body.

Bella's mum brought in her new baby Dallas and Nicola's eyes lit up as she moved closer for a look baby shhhh" Nicola said.

## What learning is happening

Nicola is showing an interest in our baby's and caring for them, she is showing love and compassion by giving them cuddles and kisses. She is showing an understanding of how we look after babies by holding them gently, being quiet and singing to them to help them to feel loved and safe.

## Te Whaariki

Exploration – Mana Aotūroa

Children experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds.

## Nicola's individual goal

To extend Nicola's interest in babies and how to care for them.

## What next

We will provide equipment to for Nicola to care for the babies

- Washing babies
- Dressing babies
- Little bottles
- Changing
- Put out baby beds and high chair



## Learning story evaluation

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Over the past month we have provided Nicola with different opportunities to learn about and care for our babies, feeding, bottle, bathing and having them out for Nicola to enjoy and interact with when she wanted. Nicola loved bathing her baby, I set the baby bath up and asked Nicola to go and get her baby she brought it over and I showed her how to hold the baby safely in the water. I past the baby over to Nicola she was very gentle and held the baby as I showed her while washing its, face, tummy and legs. Once the baby was all clean I laid a towel out on the table and Nicola placed her baby on top and dried her off, she picked her baby up and handed her to me and I wrapped her up nice and warm and handed her back to Nicola she took her baby and jiggled her up and down and started singing to her.

When Hope set up the activity for feeding the babies Nicola put her baby in the high chair and mixed the food up in her bowl and was very gentle as she held it to her baby's mouth. Nicola continued to show her interested throughout the month as she freely interacted with the babies without it being an activity, by putting them to bed, rocking and singing to them. Nicola and Katelyn have built a friendship and enjoy playing babies alongside each other.

We will continue to provide new activities and repeat activities to encourage and support Nicolas interest in babies

### Individual goal

We will continue to provide ongoing opportunities for Nicola to encourage her interest in babies and provide her with knowledge on how to look after and be careful with babies.

### What next

- \*Feeding the babies
- \*Washing the babies
- \* get a little baby in for cuddles
- \*Changing nappies
- \*Dressing the babies
- \*wraps for wrapping the babies

