



Interesting Findings About Social Referencing in Infants

Social referencing may emerge from seven to ten months of age.



Infants may regulate their behaviors toward people and objects according to the expressions of their caregivers.



The onset of crawling may increase the need for social referencing in infants, as crawling allows more independence.



Infants may discriminate expressions such as happiness, sadness, and anger by four months of age.



It takes about five months for infants to identify expressions only by vocal inputs and seven months to process only visual inputs.



A baby's behavior may be more affected by negative than positive emotional reactions.



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