## K: Pregnancy and Birth

## Educational Aims

- 1. Describe the stages of birth
- 2. Name gestures that help welcome a baby into a new family

## Children will:

- •Learn about the stages of birth from conception, growth over the 9 months, changes in the mother, ways a baby can be delivered, and finally how to welcome a baby into a new family
- Understand it takes a sperm and an egg to make a baby, one cell coming from the mother and one from the father, and know when the two cells meet they produce a fetus
- Learn about the fetus attaching to the uterus and growing into a baby
  Learn about multiple babies (ex: twins, triplets, etc.)
- Learn that during pregnancy the mothers body takes care of all the needs of the baby, the mothers body will transform to adapt to the growing baby (ex: tired, sick, produce milk, etc.)
- Learn it takes 9 months for the fetus to grow and this is divided into 3 stages, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd trimesters
- Learn babies can be born in different places, many different people can be present, and a child can be delivered naturally or by cesarian
- Learn that welcoming a new baby into a family can look different for everyone, how a baby might be welcomed, how we prepare for a new arrival, what are the needs of a new baby, and who can meet these needs
- Learn there are many different family models (ex: nuclear, single, homoparantal, adoptive, recomposed), with the understanding that all children are loved
- Learn that some children are adopted

**Activity:** with the use of different books children will learn about the process of a new baby from conception to bringing a baby home

## Examples of complementary activities:

- Describe the stages of birth in pictures
- Share the story of your birth from a photo taken of you and explain how you were welcomed into your family
- Illustrate your family and describe it to others
- Illustrate different family models