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**Difficulty Forming Close and Secure Relationships**

9-month-old Aliyah came to child care six months ago and has very, very slowly come to have a relationship with one caregiver. She will not make eye contact with anyone else, and she insists on being held all of the time.

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4-month-old Jackson absolutely will not tolerate lying on his stomach during “tummy time” (placing a baby on his stomach to provide the baby opportunity to strengthen is neck muscles). He does not like to be on his back much either. He would prefer to be held all of the time.

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