**Freud's Psychosexual Stages**

**Psychosexual Stage**

**Approximate Age**

Oral

Anal

Phallic

Latency

Genital

Birth -

1

year

1

-

3

years

3

-

years

6

6

-

12

years

12

-

adulthood

**Description**

The mouth is the focus of stimulation and

interaction; feeding and weaning are

central.

The anus is the focus of stimulation and

interaction; elimination and toilet training

are central.

The genitals (penis, clitoris, and vagina)

are the focus of stimulation; gender role

and moral development are central.

A period of suspended sexual activity;

energies shift to physical and intellectual

activities.

The genitals are the focus of stimulation

with the onset of puberty; mature sexual

relationships develop.