



SUPPORTING EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



PROVIDING YOUR CHILD WITH A RICH LANGUAGE ENVIRONMENT IS THE BEST WAY TO ENCOURAGE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD.



**CHILDREN LEARN BEST THROUGH PLAY.
NARRATING YOUR CHILD'S PLAY WILL HELP THEM LEARN THE NAMES OF OBJECTS AND THE ACTIONS THAT THEY ARE DOING.**

PICK THREE TARGET WORDS THAT YOU REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON DURING A PLAY SESSION SO YOUR CHILD HEARS THOSE WORDS REPEATED FREQUENTLY.

LANGUAGE THROUGH PLAY!



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT:-

- GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL.
- MAKE EYE CONTACT! LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE LISTENING.
- TAKE THE DUMMY OUT!
- SING SONGS / READ STORIES
- USE CHOICES - CHOICES ARE GREAT AT PRESENTING NEW VOCABULARY AND MOTIVATING THEM TO USE IT.
- BUILD PHRASES - IF YOUR CHILD USES A WORD, BUILD ON TO WHAT THEY SAY. IF THEY SAY "CAR", YOU SAY "RED CAR".
- RECAST - RATHER THAN CORRECTING YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY MAKE A MISTAKE, SAY IT BACK TO THEM CORRECTLY.

WITH YOUR LITTLE ONE SITTING RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU IT MAKES IT A PERFECT TIME FOR THEM TO WATCH, LISTEN, AND LEARN WHILE YOU TALK.



NARRATE YOUR DAY. WHETHER YOU ARE MAKING DINNER OR DOING THE LAUNDRY. TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING.



CAR TIME IS A PERFECT TIME TO TALK! DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE SEEING AS YOU DRIVE. COMMENT ON THE SOUNDS OR WORDS YOUR CHILD IS MAKING IN THE BACKSEAT. THIS LETS THEM KNOW YOU ARE LISTENING. A 10 MINUTE DRIVE CAN TURN INTO A WONDERFUL LANGUAGE LESSON.

ONE OF THE AREAS MANY PARENTS WORRY ABOUT AS THEIR CHILD DEVELOPS, IS THEIR LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT. IT IS ALSO AN AREA THAT PARENTS CAN SUPPORT THE EASIEST AND HAVE REAL IMPACT, IF THEY KNOW SOME SIMPLE STRATEGIES TO USE.



WHY IS LANGUAGE IMPORTANT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT ALLOWS YOUR CHILD TO :

- **COMMUNICATE AND UNDERSTAND**
- **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**
- **EXPRESS THEIR NEEDS AND WANTS**

WORDS ALLOW THEM TO MAKE SENSE OF THE WORLD AROUND THEM.

IT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR READING AND WRITING SKILLS LATER ON.

HOW DO YOU SUPPORT LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

ONE OF THE BEST WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD IS BY TALKING TO YOUR BABY FROM BIRTH.

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD FREQUENTLY AND WITHIN DAILY ROUTINES WILL HAVE THE MOST BENEFITS.

POSSIBLE DAILY ROUTINES INCLUDE:

- **FEEDING YOUR CHILD**
- **BATH TIME**
- **BEDTIME**
- **GETTING DRESSED**
- **CHANGING NAPPIES**
- **PLAY TIME**
- **SHOPPING**

NARRATING DAILY ACTIVITIES CAN BE AN EASY WAY TO PROMOTE LANGUAGE SKILLS EVERYDAY.



CHILDREN NEED TO HEAR WORDS REPEATED OVER AND OVER FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO IMITATE THEM.

LABEL THE OBJECTS AND FOOD THEY WANT TO EAT, AND THEIR FAVORITE TOYS AND PEOPLE AGAIN AND AGAIN!

ALL OF YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES PROVIDE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE TO LEARN A NEW SET OF VOCABULARY.

MODELLING LANGUAGE



WHEN YOU ARE AT THE SUPERMARKET, TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR. LABEL THE ITEMS THAT YOU PUT IN YOUR TROLLEY.

