



Baby Talk: Resources to Support the People Who Work with Infants and Toddlers

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Meet a Scientist with a Most Delightful Job: He Studies Baby Laughter

There are few sweeter sounds in this world than a baby's laugh. As it turns out, provoking their giggles has little to do with splashy toys or silly jokes. In fact, the essential ingredient is both simpler and more profound. That's according to British researcher Caspar Addyman, who spends his days investigating this wonderful question: What makes babies and young children laugh? Click the link below to learn about what he's discovering.

https://ideas.ted.com/meet-a-scientist-with-a-most-delightful-job-he-studies-baby-laughter/?utm_content=2021-9-22&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social&fbclid=IwAR0FTALm_-4BPoFE3d7EGWmH1mROa6ZwpJaAzyyb771clp1m5Q1ciAIS148

The Grand Connector: Grandparent Resources

As child care costs continue to rise, more and more grandparents are stepping up to care for today's infants and toddlers. While there are great rewards to these relationships, the dynamics can be challenging to navigate. ZERO TO THREE has created a suite of resources for professionals and families that include the latest information, tools and best practices to help support caregivers across the generations.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3157-conexion-entre-generaciones-recursos-para-abuelos-y-abuelas> (Spanish)

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/2464-the-grand-connector-grandparent-resources> (English)

Do Masks Delay Speech and Language Development?

While some families and professionals have expressed concern about the use of face masks interfering with speech and language development, there is no known evidence that use of face masks interferes with social communication or speech and language development. Read on to learn more. <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/health-issues/conditions/COVID-19/Pages/Do-face-masks-interfere-with-language-development.aspx>

Supporting Brain Development from Birth to 36 Months

ZERO TO THREE has compiled evidence-based information and ideas for playfully supporting senses, language, social-emotional development, thinking skills, movement, and areas connected to early brain development. Read one or more at

<https://www.zerotothree.org/document/51> (2 to 6 months)

<https://www.zerotothree.org/document/53> (12 to 18 months)

<https://www.zerotothree.org/document/55> (24 to 36 months)

Parenting for Social Justice: What You Can Do Starting from Birth

These suggestions from Rebecca Parlakian offer some starting points for parents who want their children to develop a just and inclusive worldview.

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/4123-parenting-for-social-justice-what-you-can-do-starting-from-birth>

GUMDROP: A Story About Gratitude

Watch and consider what you're grateful for. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tznztJVsW9E>

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