

# Engaging Environments for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos

**“Environments can have a huge impact on the ways children learn, develop skills, gain confidence, and make connections. Even for very young children – infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds – environments help shape their learning.”**

- Dr. Laura Wilhelm, Author

*Enticing Environments for People Under Three*



Carefully planned and intentional environments are part of the educational curriculum.

Engaging environments nurture curiosity and exploration. They encourage young children to experiment with their own ideas and provide children with the freedom to move around the space, choosing activities that interest them.

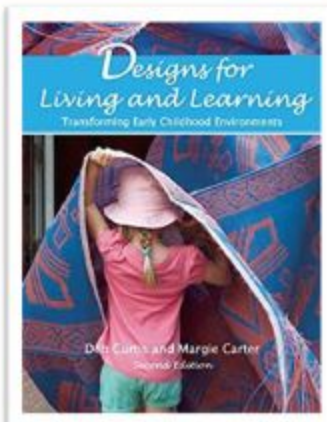
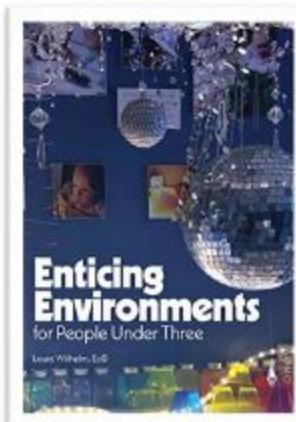
Spaces need to be intentionally designed to support the emerging skills that young children are developing – especially because we know that infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds are continually developing new abilities.

To allow young children to fully explore their environment, we must always make sure that the space is safe and well-designed.

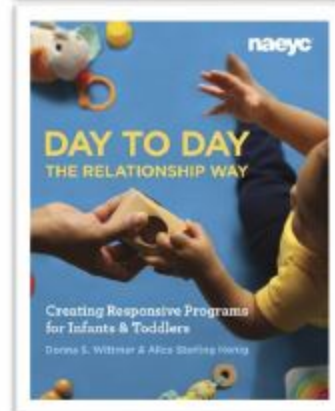
Creating ENGAGING ENVIRONMENTS that are INVITING, INTERESTING, and INTRIGUING supports the growth and development of infants, toddlers, and twos.

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## Professional Resources



**Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds need freedom of movement to explore in safe and engaging environments.**



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