

EARLY MESSAGES **STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN INFANTS AND TODDLERS**

- Be responsive when children initiate communication
- Engage in nonverbal communication
- Use child-directed language
- Use self talk and parallel talk
- Help children expand language
- Support bilingual development
- Attend to individual development and needs
- Engage infants with books and stories
- Be playful with language
- Create a communication-friendly environment