



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

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Resources for Families and Professionals About Prenatal/Postnatal Diagnoses

<https://www.lettercase.org/>

The National Center for Prenatal and Postnatal Resources is funded to provide resources and professional development to help expectant parents and medical professionals get the support they need following a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis. A major project of the Center is Lettercase, which offers accurate, up-to-date, balanced, and medically-reviewed information about multiple genetic conditions in multiple languages.

What is Early Head Start?

<https://nhsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/EarlyHeadStart-Home-Visiting-1.pdf>

This 2022 brief from the National Head Start Association provides an overview of the purpose, scope, and impact of Early Head Start home visiting and services to pregnant women.

Special Opportunity: Free Webinars on Using Music to Support Infants and Toddlers

Thanks to the generosity of Music Therapy Consulting and *imagine.magazine*, free music therapy webinars in August and September 2022 will be available for BabyTalk subscribers. Go to <http://musictherapy.biz/webinars/> then scroll down to sign up for the webinars that interest you. You can decide if you want to learn more about music therapy in infant and early childhood mental health, using music to strengthen child-family relationships and connectedness, or music-mediated practices for promoting infant and young children's social and emotional development. Webinar attendees will also get free access during the month of September to the 127-page 2022 issue of *imagine*, an electronic publication devoted to music-mediated interventions.

The Power of Learning Through Imitation

<https://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/module/power-learning-imitation/> (English)

<https://modules.ilabs.uw.edu/module/imitacion/?lang=es> (Spanish)

This module explores early imitation, an important aspect of children's social-emotional development. The sequence of narrated slides with embedded video examples takes 20 minutes to complete. A discussion guide is provided, along with an activity sheet, and all materials are in English and Spanish.

Where Do a Baby's Personality Traits Come From?

<https://www.studyfinds.org/personality-traits-form-at-birth/>

Although children will certainly pick up qualities from mom and dad, a new study finds the traits that will define an infant's behavior start forming at birth. A team from the United States and Germany say neural connections in the brain which determine a baby's unique behavioral traits are already active and working from the day they're born. Read on to learn more.

Effective Communication About the Early Years

<https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/effective-communication-about-the-early-years>

This series of articles is intended to help support infant-toddler professionals in their communications efforts.

GUMDROP: Meet twins Merle and Stijn <https://youtu.be/J8bKbIC1yPc?t=5>

Take time to watch the joyful conversation between these two babies.

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