



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

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Social-Emotional Development: Conversation Starters for Feelings & Emotions

Two new resources from LENA offer simple, practical tips for talking with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers about feelings and emotions. It's never too early to lay a healthy foundation of social-emotional understanding and expression! Download both PDF resources at <https://www.lena.org/resources/>

Pathways.org Resources

Pathways.org is a non-profit foundation that provides free child development information to empower families and professionals. Visit their website to discover educational videos, brochures, checklists, and handouts in multiple languages (e.g., Tummy Time, Sensory Integration, Early Communication). A Baby Games Calendar service sends weekly emails to families with milestones and activities based on a baby's date of birth. Discover it all at <https://pathways.org/>

Infant Visual Preference for Mother's Face Predicts Emotional Resilience

A recent study, published in the *Scientific Reports Journal*, shared the trajectories of infant visual preference for the mother's face and how these are related to the development of emotional reactivity in the first year of life. Read more at <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20230626/Looking-into-the-future-infant-visual-preference-for-mothers-face-predicts-emotional-resilience.aspx>

Research Shows How Developmentally Appropriate Practice Helps Early Childhood Educators Support All Children

In this June 2023 brief, the authors provide an overview of the origins of developmentally appropriate practice and fully define the framework and its role in early care and education settings. They then discuss four research-based facts about developmentally appropriate practice that may be helpful as policymakers strive to provide the early childhood workforce with tools to support young children. See the evidence at <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/research-shows-how-developmentally-appropriate-practice-helps-early-childhood-educators-support-all-children>

Many Child Car Seats Are Improperly Installed, Even Those Deemed Easy to Manage

Recent research has revealed that errors in car seat installation are common, even for seats that have a 5-star rating for features like ease of use. The study found that fewer errors were detected when parents installed seats that had higher ratings, but researchers recommend that parents seek out safety technicians to learn the proper techniques for seat installation. Learn more at <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2023-07-27/many-child-car-seats-are-improperly-installed-even-those-deemed-easy-to-manage?emci=f46cac28-8b2c-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&emdi=d4a595d0-462d-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=6814801>

Extreme Heat: Tips to Keep Kids Safe When Temperatures Soar

High temperatures and extreme heat can cause children to become sick very quickly in several ways. It can cause dehydration, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke, which is a medical emergency. High heat can also make everyone more irritable. Learn more about how to play it cool in extreme heat at <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Protecting-Children-from-Extreme-Heat-Information-for-Parents.aspx?emci=f46cac28-8b2c-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&emdi=d4a595d0-462d-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=6814801>

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