

Be a Part of the Play

Being a part of the play means you are actively playing with your child. Let your child choose what they want to play and join in and play with them. When you are a part of the play your child has:

- Better eye contact
- Better attention
- More opportunities to take turns
- Longer interactions
- More opportunities for you to add language
- Lots of FUN!

To be a part of the play.....

- Get down to your child's level
- Get your own toys
 - You can join in more easily if you have your own toys (e.g. your own toy car or doll and baby bottle).
- Make fun sounds
 - For example, uh-oh!, Wow!, boom! Beep-beep!
- Copy what your child does and says
 - For example, if your child bangs two blocks together, you pick up two blocks, bang them together and say "bang-bang"
- Take a turn in the activity
 - For example, take turns putting blocks on a tower, feeding dolls, or rolling cars down a ramp. This does not mean sharing or taking your child's toy(s)
- Talk about what is happening
- Try new ways of playing with the same toys(e.g. car runs out of gas, baby gets sick)
- Have fun and play like a child!

HAVE FUN!!