

Coo With You

Primary Objectives

10a. Engages in conversations

Why It's Important

Daily routines provide excellent opportunities for talking with young infants. Interactive, cooing exchanges encourage your child to take turns and demonstrate patterns of conversation.

Materials

None

What You Do

1. Watch for your child's cues that she is being attentive and is interested in engaging with you.
2. While changing your child's diaper, lean your face toward hers, say her name, and coo in her direction. *I see you looking up at me with your big, brown eyes. Can you say bah, bah, bah?*
3. After giving her a bottle, hold her in your arms and attempt to engage her in a cooing conversation. *Can you say oooohhh? Ooooh. Ooooh. Ooooh. Can you open your mouth? Say ooooh. You said ooooh!*
4. Talk with your child and use many words throughout the day. Repeat and emphasize sounds in the words. For example, when saying *baby*, say *bay be, bay be, bay be*.
5. Play games that involve your child's body parts, such as her toes. During floor time activities, play games that keep her engaged and content, such as "This Little Piggy."