



EVERYDAY LEARNING



Responsive Caregiving = Learning Together

Children learn through the way you respond during everyday moments. Warm, supportive interactions help your child feel understood, confident, and ready to learn by doing.

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STEPS TO LEARNING TOGETHER

See what your child is trying to tell you:

- Watch actions and expressions
- Listen for sounds or words
- Look for their interest or need

"You're looking at the cup, looks like you're ready for a drink!"

Show you understand and are with them:

- Join the moment without taking over
- Talk about what they're doing
- Match your tone and pace to your child

"You're tapping the spoon, you must be ready to eat."

Help them practice & learn something new:

- Show one simple step
- Let them try
- Offer a helpful choice

"Here's how I scoop. Now you give it a try!"

#1
INVITE

#2
ENGAGE

#3
TEACH

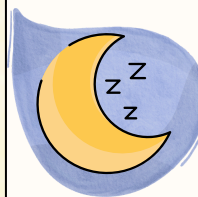
TURN CHILD CUES INTO LEARNING

- What catches their attention?
- What are they trying to show or tell you?
- How can you join what they're doing?

Use these signals to explore learning together.



CAREGIVER RESPONSIVENESS IN ACTION



BEDTIME

Noticing cues, calming together, and settling in for sleep



SNACKTIME

Offering choices, naming requests, and supporting small tries



TOILETING

Reading signals, offering reassurance, and helping one step at a time



HYGIENE

Seeing interest, joining in, and showing simple actions

Make the most of everyday moments to support your child's learning, one response at a time.



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