

Communication Strategies

* Strategies to promote communication skills of young children during daily life activities (e.g. meals, play, learning activities, and bath-time).

<p>Self-Talk</p> <p>Talk out loud about what YOU are doing</p>	<p>Parallel Talk</p> <p>Talk out loud about what your CHILD is doing</p>	<p>Verbal Routines</p> <p>Use the same words in daily routines</p>	<p>Simplify</p> <p>Use short phrases and sentences with your child</p>	<p>Label It</p> <p>Name objects and actions around you</p>
<p>Give 2 Choices</p> <p>Do you want ___ or ___?</p> <p>(Child points to or names item)</p>	<p>Model</p> <p>Show your child what to do or say during activities</p>	<p>Imitation</p> <p>Teach your child to copy you</p>	<p>1 at a Time</p> <p>Give only one item so he/she asks for more</p>	<p>Wait</p> <p>Pause and give time to respond</p>
<p>Visuals</p> <p>Show objects or pictures that you are talking about</p>	<p>Gestures</p> <p>Use gestures or signs with words</p>	<p>Sing</p> <p>Use songs to teach new words and new routines</p>	<p>Make Comments</p> <p>Use more comments than questions</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>Ask more wh- than yes/no questions and help your child answer correctly</p>
<p>Add a Word</p> <p>Rephrase what your child says and add a word</p>	<p>Sentence Completion</p> <p>Leave out words on purpose during books/stories/games Ready, set, ___!</p>	<p>Out of Reach</p> <p>Put favorite toys and foods out of reach and let your child ask</p>	<p>Be Forgetful</p> <p>Forget to give needed items on purpose and let your child ask</p>	<p>Simplify and Assist</p> <p>Give one direction at a time and help your child complete it</p>

“A Bright Beginning...lasts a lifetime.”