



5 ways children **COMMUNICATE** and

how caregivers can respond



Smiling

"Oh, that made you happy!"



Throwing food or objects

"You're all done. Okay, I'll take it. Let's find something you like better. Here is your pup-pup. Show me how you love your pup-pup."



Pulling on parent

"Daddy. You want daddy? What can I do for you, Sweetie?"



Hitting

"Ouch. That hurts mommy. I know you're mad. You like to play outside, but it's time to eat. Come help mommy fix dinner. You like that and I need a helper."



Babbling or vocalizing

"I hear you. Ba-ba-ba, you want your bottle? Let's eat!"

YOUNG CHILDREN COMMUNICATE WITH US IN MANY WAYS BEFORE AND EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE WORDS. HOW CAREGIVERS RESPOND CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT A CHILD'S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT.



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