


 **BABY TALKS**

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**Supporting Infant and Toddler Peer Relationships**

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**Peer Relationships**







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## Learning Objectives

1. Describe how infants and toddlers begin to understand themselves and others
2. Identify strategies to help infants and toddlers build healthy relationships with their peers, including children with disabilities

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## Our Earliest Relationships



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## Expectations About Relationships



“...an effect of relationships on relationships.”

~ Dr. Robert Emde

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## Sense of Identity and Belonging



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## Attachment and Sense of Self



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## Video Recap



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Developmental  
Milestones



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Milestone 1



Interest in Other  
Infants



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Peer Preferences



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What Does It Look Like?



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Milestone 1: Strategies



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Milestone 2

Shared Understanding



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Peer Imitation

Hanna and Meltzoff 1993

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Milestone 2: Strategies

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Milestone 3

Prosocial Behavior



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Emerging Self-Awareness



- Feel pride in their identity and culture
- Show prosocial behaviors and respect for peers
- Feel a sense of belonging

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Prosocial Behaviors



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### Talk About Emotions

How do you think the little boy feels?



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### Strategies to Support Prosocial Behavior



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### Turn Taking and Cooperation



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### Strategies to Support Turn Taking and Cooperation



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## Joys and Challenges



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Create a Prosocial Environment



Physical



Social

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Strategies for Creating Social and Physical Environments



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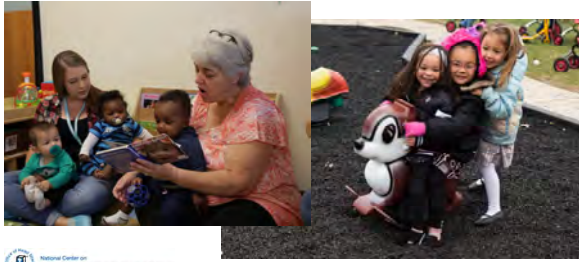
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Final Thoughts



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Thank You!

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Next Episode!  
Fostering Inclusive Play for All  
Infants and Toddlers  
Thursday, July 20, 2023  
3pm– 4pm EST



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From You!

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complete the session  
evaluation.

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