

Open Doors
Chapter 8b: Structured Child-Focused Home Visiting Experience It

Julie: So, ooh, this is co-o-ld.

Mom: Ohh!

Julie: So what we want to do, when we're looking at his commun--Like that was really easy for him to communicate with because they were things that were familiar. But like this, which is, I think, the issue that we have with his communication, is, if it's something unfamiliar and out of context for us, then we don't understand what he's trying to -- Do you not like it?

Mom: [Laughs]

Julie: Are you telling me? Oh! Is that what you're telling me? "I don't like this stuff, Julie."

Mom: Look at that!

Julie: You don't like it?!

[Dog barking nearby]

Well, now! I guess you're telling me.

Mom: [laughing] He's picking up every little piece.

Julie: Look. Let's --

Mom: Whee!

Julie: Let's try this. Here, try a little bit. It's cold!

Mom: See, Isaac's always asking to play with Play-Doh. Whee!

Julie: Ooh, here; you feel it. You feel it. Ooh, look at that face!

Mom: [Laughs]

Julie: Look at that face. What are you telling me?

Mom: Look what Mama's doing. Look! Roll, roll, roll, roll.

Julie: Oh, you're telling us, "No, no, no," aren't you? Telling us "No, no, no. I don't like this stuff." That's funny.

Mom: Oh, he wants --

Julie: Yeah, we can roll it. Watch. Julie will roll. Mommy was rolling. Watch. [singing] Roll, roll, roll Can we mush it together? I'll be. Well, now we know what he thinks about Play-Doh, don't we?

Mom: You'd have thought we offered him creamed spinach.

Issac: Oh, yeah.

Mom: What is it? Uh-oh!

Julie: Uh-oh!

Mom: Pick it up. [Laughs] What don't you like about it?

Julie: Is it the texture? Is it because it's something new?

Mom: Is it because it's cold? I think cold shouldn't -- Look!

Issac: Uh.

Julie: Uh-oh.

Mom: Play-Doh!

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Julie: Or do you just not understand how to work it. Here watch. Here, I'll give Mommy a shape. Mommy, have a shape. I'll get a shape. Oh, thank you! Let's put the cup away.

Issac: That! That that that that!

Julie: Oh, no! You didn't like it?! Do you want a different color?

Issac: Yeah. Out!

Julie: Out. Do you want it out?

Issac: Take.

Julie: Can you give it to Mommy to take it out? Give it to Mommy. Mom: Do you want me to open it?
Open!

Issac: Woo!

Julie: Woo!

Mom: Blue.

Julie: Blue! [Laughter]

Issac: WOW!

Mom: Squeeze! Squeeze! Ew! Okay.

Issac: Uh-oh!

Julie: Uh-oh.

Issac: Why?

Mom: Squee-e-ze! There's your hand!

Julie: It's your fingers. Mama made your fingers. I just don't think you know what to do with it.

Mom: Watch. Just a minute. Now, give me your hand.

Julie: First time, how fun. Push!

Mom: Ooooooh!

Julie: Look at that!

Mom: There's your fingers!

Julie: Yeah, can you count them? 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Issac: An A.

Mom: Five!

Issac: E, A.

Mom: One.

Issac: Two.

Mom: Three.

Issac: A.

Julie: Five. Nice! Or and X. Look, X.

Issac: A.

Julie: Yeah, an X. Maybe because you said I, he's thinking -- Let's give Mommy some letters, too.

Mom: Let's push! Pu-u-sh them in! [gasp] What's that?

Issac: Ah.

Julie: That's a D, dog. Say "Da-da-da-da."

Issac: D.

Julie: D. Nice.

Issac: A "D".

Julie: A "D". You want a B? Bu-bu-bu-bu-bu.

Issac: D.

Mom: B, boy-y! Where's the boy?

Issac: Ah ah.

Mom: What is that? Ask Mama.

Julie: Say, "What is that, Mama?" Show her. Can you show Mama?

Mom: Let me see. Let me see.

Julie: All done! All done! Well, I would say we really know how he communicated with us.

Mom: Yeah, he made that clear.