



# Baby Talk: Resources to Support the People Who Work With Infants and Toddlers

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## The Magic of Reading Aloud to Babies

Reading to babies as young as six months of age leads to stronger vocabularies and better early literacy skills four years later, just as the children are getting ready to go to school. How often and how vividly kids and adults engage in books together through the toddler years also mattered, predicting early reading and writing skills. Learn more at <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/brain-waves/201705/the-magic-reading-aloud-babies>

## Developing Self-Control From 12-24 Months

Toddlers have minds of their own and strong feelings that they express with gusto. “No!” becomes a favorite word and a powerful way to assert their independence. Learn ways to help your toddler learn self-control from 12-24 months at <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/1287-developing-self-control-from-12-24-months>  
For 10 family ideas for calming a toddler tantrum, take a look at <http://wellroundedny.com/handle-toddler-tantrum/>

## Which Babies are at Higher Risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

Babies in Native American and Alaska Native families are at higher risk of sudden unexplained infant death, despite years of effort to reduce the toll. African-American families also face higher risk. Read more at <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/05/15/528173372/racial-and-ethnic-disparities-persist-in-sudden-infant-deaths>

## Daddy Matters Video Series

ZERO TO THREE has teamed up with YouTube star La Guardia Cross to create “Daddy Matters,” a 4-part web series that explores why dads matter and what matters to dads. Each episode covers new topics related to supporting young children and shares the perspectives of fathers on these issues. Check out <https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/series/daddy-matters>

## Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Non-Toys for Toddlers

Here are 15 DIY non-toys for toddlers that are simple to make and engaging to play with! Sensory play, fine motor skills, cause and effect, curiosity, language, and investigation skills will be encouraged through these non-toys, and most are cost-free to put together. Discover your options at <http://theimaginationtree.com/tag/toddler-play>

## Strengthening Partnerships to Support Babies with Special Needs

This video provides an overview of what families may experience when they learn their child has special needs. It explains how staff can support, empower, and partner with these families.

[https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/strengthening-partnerships-support-babies-special-needs?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ECDTL%20Disabilities%20Newsletter%20Issue%204&utm\\_content=ECDTL%20Disabilities%20Newsletter%20Issue%204+CID\\_fbd7bb26384d3976185af8f6ce888ba4&utm\\_source=CM%20Eblast&utm\\_term=Strengthening%20Partnerships%20to%20Support%20Babies%20with%20Special%20Needs](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/strengthening-partnerships-support-babies-special-needs?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ECDTL%20Disabilities%20Newsletter%20Issue%204&utm_content=ECDTL%20Disabilities%20Newsletter%20Issue%204+CID_fbd7bb26384d3976185af8f6ce888ba4&utm_source=CM%20Eblast&utm_term=Strengthening%20Partnerships%20to%20Support%20Babies%20with%20Special%20Needs)

## Most Premature Babies Go to Kindergarten on Time

Findings published in June in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* revealed that most infants born at 23 to 24 weeks demonstrated a high degree of cognitive functioning at the start of kindergarten and throughout school. Learn more from a synthesis of this research at <http://www.futurity.org/premature-babies-kindergarten-1458252/>

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