



TALKING ABOUT CHILDREN'S INTERESTS



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO TALK WITH MY CHILD'S TEACHER OR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER ABOUT MY CHILD'S INTERESTS?

You know your child best! When children have learning experiences that build on their interests, they are naturally motivated to participate in these experiences. When children fully participate, they learn skills, behaviors, and concepts that support school readiness. Your child's teacher or family child care provider wants to learn about your child's interests from you!

WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT MY CHILD'S INTERESTS?

Some of the daily activities my child enjoys are (e.g., playing with siblings, singing):

My child most enjoys playing with these toys and materials (e.g., crayons, blocks, trucks):.....

My child likes being a part of these family and community activities (e.g. camping, family gatherings, gardening):

My child enjoys exploring (e.g., talking, reading) these ideas or topics (e.g., animals, trains):

My child's favorite thing to do is:

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I SHARE ABOUT MY CHILD?

- When does your child become interested in a situation, event, or experience in your home or community (e.g., a construction site next to your house)?
- When do you notice your child is developing new interests (e.g., begins drawing, dancing)?
- When has your family had a special event (e.g., new baby, move), holiday, or festival that is particularly meaningful for your child?