

early communication skills

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO COMMUNICATE FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES USING GESTURES AND/OR SIGN LANGUAGE

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GETTING BASIC NEEDS MET

Gestures: Point to bowl, cup, or snacks in pantry, smack lips for eating
ASL signs: eat, drink, water, milk, spec. foods

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SOCIAL ROUTINES

Gestures: Teach your child to wave hi/bye, give high fives and fist bumps, and blow kisses for "I love you"
ASL signs: love, hug

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REQUESTING

Gestures: Point to items they want, reach up to be picked up
ASL signs: want, please, more, open

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SHOWING & SHARING

Gestures: Hold up items to show your child, hand items to them during play and show them what to do

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PROTESTING

Gestures: Teach your child to shake their head or hold up a hand for STOP
ASL signs: no, stop, all done

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ASKING FOR HELP

Gestures: Give an item to someone for help, pull someone over by the hand to get help
ASL: help, fix, open

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ASKING QUESTIONS

Gestures: Hold hands out to side, palms up
ASL signs: what, where

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COMMENTING

Gestures: Point to show, touch your ear when you hear a sound, wave hand for hot
ASL signs: see, big, little, hot

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ANSWERING YES/NO

Gestures: shake or nod head
ASL signs: yes, no