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#### Child Development and Parenting

This month we are featuring library resources on child development and parenting.

Check out the new additions to the collection on pages 8-9!

## **Child Development and Parenting - Books**

Babycare for Beginners: Parental Survival Skills Shown Step-by-Step. Frances Williams, 1996. (525.2 W723 1996 ECI).

This easy to use book provides basic information that first time parents need to know. It contains helpful photos and has a stand up binding.

Becoming the Parent You Want to Be: A Sourcebook of Strategies for the First Five Years. Laura Davis, 1997. (555.5 D294 1997 ECI). A sourcebook of strategies for the first five years, this book is based on nine principles that deal with issues of time, optimism, struggle, anger, competing needs, and learning. Sections deal with children's feelings, children's bodies, challenging behavior, social learning and play, and family relationships.

**Behavior Guidance for Infants and Toddlers.** Alice Sterling Honig, 1997. (262.2 H757 1997 ECI).

This book contains 32 short articles on a variety of situations dealing with infant and toddler behavior.

Caring for Your Baby and Young Child: Birth to Age 5. Steven P. Shelov, 2004. (525 Sh44 2004 ECI).

This book, which contains the medical and parenting information parents and caregivers need to know to answer their questions, gives advice on child rearing from preparing for childbirth to nurturing a child's self-esteem. Information on common childhood health concerns, as well as short descriptions of developmental disabilities, is also included.

Como Educar a tu Niño (Teach Your Child). Miriam Stoppard, 2001. (515 S883 2001 ECI).

This book in Spanish is a practical guide to help parents of babies and young children understand and develop their child's unique abilities.

**The Difficult Child.** Stanley Turecki, 2000. (515 T934 2000 ECI). In this book, the author utilizes his experience with thousands of families to offer compassionate, sound, sensible, and practical advice to parents of children with challenging behavior.

# Child Development and Parenting - Books (continued)

Discipline from Birth to Three: How Teen Parents Can Prevent and Deal with Discipline Problems with Babies and Toddlers. Jeanne Warren Lindsay, 2004. (271.7 L748d 2004 ECI).

This book describes for teenage parents how to discipline young children using teaching strategies rather than punishment. It offers the advice and comments of young parents themselves. Although aimed at teens, this book can be used by any parent.

¡Escucha, Mamá! Cómo Criar a un Niño sin Violencia: Un Manual para los Padres Adolescentes. Ruth Beaglehole, 1999. (271.5 B365 1999 ECI).

This is the Spanish translation of *Mama*, *Listen! Raising a Child Without Violence: A Handbook for Teen Parents* (see below for description).

Guiding Young Children's Behavior: Helpful Ideas for Parents and Teachers from 28 Early Childhood Experts. Betty Farber, 1999. (515 F219 1999 ECI).

This book provides parents and teachers practical step-by-step recommendations from the works of the nation's top authorities on child development.

The Happiest Baby on the Block. Harvey Karp, 2002. (555.5 K18 2002 ECI).

This book by a pediatrician explains the reasons why infants cry and gives practical tips on how to calm your baby. An appendix lists red flags and red alerts - when you should call your doctor.

Helping Babies Learn: Developmental Profiles and Activities for Infants and Toddlers. Setsu Furuno, 1993. (525 F984 1993 ECI).

This book provides developmental activities that fit easily into daily life. Parents and professionals alike will enjoy a deeper understanding of child development and a renewed enthusiasm for encouraging and enjoying a child's growth. Developed by a team of professionals experienced in child development work, this book encompasses a wide range of developmental domains: social and emotional, cognitive, receptive and expressive language, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and self-help.

The Irreducible Needs of Children: What Every Child Must Have to Grow, Learn, and Flourish. T. Berry Brazelton and Stanley I. Greenspan, 2000. (525 B827 2000 ECI).

This book defines the seven irreducible needs any child, in any society, must have in the first five years of life. This book, the result of decades of experience and caring by both authors, explains the importance of parents and other adults in the lives of young children.

Learning and Growing Together: Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Development. Claire Lerner and Amy Laura Dombro, 2000. (525 L616 2000 ECI).

This guide is for parents and others who have primary responsibility for raising a baby or toddler. The book provides information and tools to help build a strong foundation for a child's development.

Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood: Practical Parenting from Birth to Six Years. Jim Fay and Charles Fay, 2000. (515 F282 2000 ECI).

This book uses simple and practical examples to show how to put love and logic principles into practice. Parents will learn how to guide their children into becoming confident, responsible adults.

Make Every Step Count: Birth to One Year. Stephanie Parks, 1986. (525.2 P238 1986 ECI).

This book offers hundreds of specific parenting skills that parallel the growth and development of a child during the first year.

Mama, Listen! Raising a Child Without Violence: A Handbook for Teen Parents. Ruth Beaglehole, 1999. (271.5 B365m 1999 ECI).

This book, written for teen parents, is a conversation between a toddler and mother, expressing what life is like from the toddler's point of view. This book shows loving and supportive ways to teach a child about eating, sharing, using the toilet and all other things toddlers need to learn.

#### Child Development and Parenting - Books (continued)

Our Babies, Ourselves: How Biology and Culture Shape the Way We Parent. Meredith F. Small, 2003. (275 Sm18 ECI).

Scientists are finding that what we are taught about the right way to parent our children is often based on nothing more than cultural tradition, and may even run counter to a baby's biological needs. An anthropologist examines the way various cultures parent and explains what makes us bring up our children the way we do and what is actually best for them.

**Parenting for Dummies, 2nd ed.** Sandra Hardin Gookin and Dan Gookin, 2002. (555.5 G659 2002 ECI). The authors give practical, wise parenting advice with helpful hints based on their personal experience raising four sons.

Parenting the Fussy Baby and High-Need Child: Everything You Need to Know from Birth to Age Five. William Sears and Martha Sears, 1996. (555.5 Se17 1996 ECI).

This book provides guidance and support for parents of children who have high needs from birth for comfort, feeding, and touch. The authors cite both their own family experience and the stories of their patients and others. The authors recommend "attachment parenting", a high-touch, highly responsive way of caring for a baby that helps parents feel close to their babies and babies feel close to their parents.

Parenting to Make a Difference: Your One to Four Year Old Child. Brenda Hussey-Gardner, 2003. (555.5 H972 2003 ECI).

This book presents concise, comprehensive information on twelve key topics and many techniques to help parents and caregivers make a difference in their child's development.

**Parenting with Love and Logic: Teaching Children Responsibility.** Foster W. Cline, Jim Fay, and Tom Raabe, 1990. (540 C641 1990 ECI).

The love and logic approach to parenting helps parents raise children who are self-confident, motivated and ready for the real world. Children learn responsibility and the logic of life by solving their own problems. Parents win because they no longer have to resort to anger, threats, nagging or exhausting power struggles.

Parenting Your Toddler: The Expert's Guide to the Tough and Tender Years. Patricia H. Shimm, 1995. (555.5 S556 1995 ECI).

This book offers help to parents on major issues like limit setting, first-child syndrome, toilet learning, taking a vacation without guilt, what to say when your two-year-old doesn't want you to leave for work, and many more everyday situations faced by families.

Parents and Kids Together Everyday, Lisa Lyons, 1991. (655 D935 1991 ECI).

This book offers a wealth of learning experiences for parents to share with their child or children. It is organized into chapters that fit our lifestyles: rooms and routines; everyday chores; in the kitchen; and places to go.

Positive Child Guidance. Darla Ferris Miller, 2000.(264.5 M647 ECI).

This book presents developmentally appropriate guidance strategies to assist young children toward becoming responsible, respectful, and productive community members.

Quirky Kids: Understanding and Helping Your Child Who Doesn't Fit in, When to Worry and When Not to Worry. Perri Klass, 2003. (200.8 K63g 2003 ECI).

This book is for parents who are worried that their child is not developing the same as other children. It helps parents understand the various diagnoses that are possible. It also gives advice about the various stages of childhood and how to handle different situations such as school, family gatherings and other possibly stressful events.

Right from Birth: Building Your Child's Foundation for Life Birth to Eighteen Months. Craig T. Ramey, 1999. (525.2 R172 1999 ECI).

This book explains how infants adapt, learn and grow. They show parents how to apply the lessons learned from the latest research about early development in practical ways. Parents are provided with seven essential guiding principles to help their babies.

## Child Development and Parenting - Books (continued)

Rules for Parents: Simple Strategies That Help Little Kids Thrive and You Survive. Nan Silver, 2000. (555.5 S587 2000 ECI).

This book, based on research in early childhood, contains common sense strategies for giving children a strong start. The author recommends that parents use a mix of fondness and firmness to help children thrive.

Take Good Care of Me: What Kids Think Every Grown-Up Needs to Know About Being a Parent. Kari Cimbalik, 1999. (555.5 C573 1999 ECI).

This book shares, through words and pictures, children's insights into what makes a good Mom or Dad.

**Toddlers and Parents: A Declaration of Independence.** T. Berry Brazleton, 1989. (555.5 B739 1989 ECI). In this revision, Dr. Brazelton emphasizes the special strains on working parents, the role of fathers, and the needs of toddlers in day-care centers.

Touchpoints: The Essential Reference: Your Child's Emotional and Behavioral Development. T. Berry Brazelton, 1992. (540 B739 1992 ECI).

In this book, the author presents a map of behavioral and emotional development designed to help parents navigate the predictable spurts in development and the equally predictable issues they raise in families.

**Usted Hace la Diferencia Para Su Hijo Pueda Aprender.** Ayala Manolson, Barb Ward and Nancy Doddington, 1996. (530 M285sp 1996 ECI).

This is the Spanish version of You Make the Difference in Helping Your Child Learn (see below for description).

You Make the Difference in Helping Your Child Learn. Ayala Manolson, Barb Ward and Nancy Doddington, 1996. (530 M285y 1996 ECI).

This book helps parents explore ways to help their child learn. With simple text and many illustrations, it shows parents ways to reach and stimulate their child.

Your Baby's First Year. Steven P. Shelov, 2005. (525.2 S545 2005 ECI).

This book presents a comprehensive and accurate picture of infant care. It is full of advice and sound, reassuring answers to medical questions and parenting concerns.

# **Child Development and Parenting - Videos**

Baby Basics: The Complete Video Guide for New and Expectant Parents. 110 min. (VT0428).

A video guide to newborn care. It shows the newborn at birth. It also includes instructions about physical and emotional recovery and care of the mother after birth; nursing the baby; breast care; formula preparation; bottle feeding; signs of illness; how to take the temperature; how to understand and cope with crying and baby's sleeping patterns; and the milestones of development in the baby's first few months.

#### Baby's First Months: What Do We Do Now? 72 min. (VT0439).

This video, produced especially for the new parent, presents information to help make the daily care of the infant's first few months easier and help new mothers with practical, how-to information to feel more confident and at ease.

#### Discipline from Birth to Three Volumes 1-4. 58 min. (DD0008-DD0011).

This series features teen parents sharing techniques for teaching babies and toddlers. These videos help teen parents understand that strategies, not punishment, create well-behaved children. Topics covered include how to calm a crying baby, positive discipline strategies, dealing with temper tantrums and strategies for toilet teaching.

#### Disciplina: Enseñando Límites con Amor. 30 min. (DD0028).

This DVD is the Spanish language version of Discipline: Teaching Limits with Love (see description on next page).

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#### Discipline: Teaching Limits with Love. 27 min. (DD0027).

In this DVD, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, pediatrician, shows parents that discipline is teaching and not punishment. It is a loving way to teach a child how to control his or her own behavior. He gives parents tips for creating routines for children at each age level and demonstrates how to set limits for children and what's appropriate at different ages. This program is also available in VHS.

#### The Five Essentials of Successful Parenting. 69 min. (DV0072).

This DVD focuses on birth to age 5 with easy to follow techniques that nurture parent-child relationships. Parents are urged to become powerful role models for their children through compassion, consistency and understanding. The chapters are love and stability; time together; inspire and challenge; positive discipline; safety and health.

#### Growing with Love: Creciendo con Amor. 29 min. (VT2269).

This video, which is presented in English first and then repeated in Spanish, is a parenting guide covering pregnancy, newborns, infants, and toddlers. From eating right when pregnant to teaching their toddlers to use the potty, new moms and dads will learn the basics for raising a happy and healthy child.

#### I Am Your Child. 47 min. (VT2139).

Tom Hanks narrates an overview of parenting and child development. This video includes a cast of well-known Americans as they discuss the problems and challenges facing today's families and children.

#### Infant Development: A First-Year Guide to Growth and Learning. 57 min. (VT2267).

This is a multi-part home video library designed to help parents in the first year with a new baby. It deals with the ways a baby will grow and change between birth and birthday number one. It gives viewers a chance to sharpen their baby watching skills and helps them recognize the subtle signals and cues sent by a child.

#### A Lesson They'll Never Forget. 20 min. (VC5897).

John Stossel of television's "20/20" hosts an exploration of the effectiveness of physical punishment in changing a child's behavior. Stossel talks with both parents and child-rearing experts to examine this practice. He finds that physical punishment has no positive effect on a child and that in many cases exacerbates disruptive and negative behavior. Recommendations for alternatives to physical punishment are presented by child behavior experts.

#### Shaking, Hitting, and Spanking: What To Do Instead. 30 min. (VT0238).

This program shows easy-to-use techniques parents will find useful. Four common scenes that often lead to shaking, hitting, or spanking are presented and followed by an opportunity for the viewer to stop the tape and brainstorm alternatives to these actions. When the program resumes, the viewer will see several common-sense, proven parenting techniques.

#### SOLVE Parenting Problems: The Toddler Years. 40 min. (VC7861).

A step-by-step tool to help parents handle toddler misbehavior. Developed by Ann Corwin, the S.O.L.V.E. formula (for children ages 1-3) is a flexible problem-solving process that parents can apply to any number of behavioral issues. This video shows families using the S.O.L.V.E. formula in three common toddler challenges: temper tantrums, sharing, and toilet learning. It includes a parent workbook and facilitator's guide.

#### Ten Things Every Child Needs. 60 min. (VC6546).

This video explains how our earliest interactions with children influence brain development. It offers a simple, tenpoint checklist that parents, teachers, family childcare providers and babysitters can follow to give children the best start in life. It explains that ten simple things have been shown to help children's brains develop: interaction, loving touch, stable relationships, safe healthy environments, self-esteem, quality child care, play, communication, music and reading.

#### There Comes a Time. 12 min. (VC6035).

A parenting support group of new parents provides guidelines on how to determine when to take a child to a health care provider or emergency room. Parents discuss juggling child rearing and job responsibilities. The video stresses the importance of having a good relationship with the health care provider. Toilet learning tips are included.

#### Child Development and Parenting - Videos (continued)

#### Toddlerhood: Emotional Development. 24 min. (VC5335).

This video covers the emotional development of toddlers. It discusses their autonomy, shame and doubt, socialization through meeting biological needs, emotions and social interaction.

#### Touchpoints: The First Month Through the First Year. 45 min. (VT1742).

According to host Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, touchpoints are times in a child's development that precede a rapid burst in learning for both the parent and the child, critical to future development. Some of the touchpoints explained in this video are: months one through four, covering communication and adjusting to being a parent; months five through eight, cognitive and motor development, feeding and sleep; months twelve through fifteen, negativism, tantrums and teasing.

#### Touchpoints: One Year Through Toddlerhood. 50 min. (VT1743).

This program is a part of the *Touchpoint* series. Some of the touchpoints explained in this video are: sibling rivalry; discipline (covering spoiling, teasing, and consistency); and toilet learning.

#### Touchpoints: Pregnancy, Birth and the First Weeks of Life. 47 min. (VT1741).

This program is a part of the *Touchpoint* series. Some of the touchpoints explained in this video are: pregnancy; delivery; birth to a few weeks (newborn assessment and the work of attachment); and the first weeks to three months (covering crying and calming and the process of becoming a family).

#### When They Never, Ever Listen. 17 min. (VC6036).

An excerpt from the ABC News program, "20/20", explores challenging behavior in pre-school children. Dr. Stanley Turecki, author of the book, *The Difficult Child*, counsels parents with techniques in dealing with challenging behavior.

#### Yelling, Threatening, and Putting Down: What to Do. 35 min. (VC7385).

This program presents a variety of positive, practical techniques for dealing with four challenging parent-child interactions: when children are very active; when children get angry; when children whine; and when siblings fight.

# **Child Development and Parenting - Multimedia**

#### Toddlers and Pre-schoolers: Love and Logic Parenting for Early Childhood. (CR0001).

Internationally recognized parenting experts Jim Fay and Foster Cline offer advice on how to beat the "terrible twos" and overcome the frustrations of dealing with "precocious pre-schoolers". They explain the love and logic approach of working effectively with children ages six months to five years.

## **Child Development and Parenting - Websites**

**Texas Parent to Parent** provides support and information for families of children with disabilities, chronic illness and other special needs: <a href="http://www.txp2p.org/">http://www.txp2p.org/</a>

#### MedlinePlus Child Development and Parenting Links:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childdevelopment.html

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/parenting.html

MedlinePlus, created by the National Library of Medicine, provides links to extensive full-text information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources.

American Academy of Pediatrics has a corner of their website just for parents. See <a href="http://www.aap.org/parents.html">http://www.aap.org/parents.html</a>

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Facts for Families: <a href="http://www.aacap.org/">http://www.aacap.org/</a> Click on "Resources for Families," then on "Facts for Families" to search for concise and up-to-date information on mental health issues that affect children, teenagers, and their families, such as bullying, depression, anxiety, normal development, etc.

Including Children With Disabilities in Child Care: <a href="http://www.nccic.org/poptopics/includingchildren.html">http://www.nccic.org/poptopics/includingchildren.html</a>
Directory of organizations, publications, and Web sites providing a sample of information about strategies for including children with disabilities in child care settings.

**NAEYC:** National Association for the Education of Young Children: Parents and families are young children's first teachers. Whether you're looking for a quality child care program, preschool, or school for your child, or you're interested in activities you can do at home to encourage your child's development, NAEYC can help! <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/families/">http://www.naeyc.org/families/</a>

The **Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics**: offers reports such as America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2006 See: <a href="http://www.childstats.gov/">http://www.childstats.gov/</a>

See also **ECI**'s list of related sites for many more great websites on child development and parenting: <a href="http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/links.shtml">http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/resources/links.shtml</a>

#### **New Additions - Books**

**Beyond the Autism Diagnosis: A Professional's Guide to Helping Families.** Marion O'Brien and Julie A. Daggett, 2006. (203.6 O13b 2006 ECI).

Contents: Talking about autism spectrum disorders -- Listening to parents -- Belief systems about autism spectrum disorders -- Conducting assessments -- Communicating assessment results to families -- Intervention and educational programming -- Helping parents and professionals work together -- Parenting a child with an autism spectrum disorder -- The rest of the family -- Looking to the future.

The Capute Scales: Cognitive Adaptive Test/Clinical Linguistic and Auditory Milestone Scale (CAT/ CLAMS). Pasquale J. Accardo and Arnold J. Capute, 2005. (520 A169c 2005 ECI).

For use with children from 1-36 months of age, this 100-item screening and assessment tool helps experienced practitioners identify developmental delays in two separate streams: visual-motor functioning and expressive and receptive language development.

The Dancing Dialogue: Using the Communicative Power of Movement with Young Children. Suzi Tortora, 2006. (256 T712d 2006 ECI).

Contents: Historical and theoretical foundations -- Introduction -- Communication without words: early childhood development and interaction -- Ways of seeing: movement development, expression, and body awareness -- The language of movement: from dysfunction to creative expression -- Observation and intervention -- Elements of movement observation -- Nonverbal observation in context -- Witnessing, kinesthetic seeing, and kinesthetic empathy -- The ways of seeing technique -- Movement and dance-based tools -- Movement as an interdisciplinary tool -- Working with parents -- Focusing on the child: from nonverbal assessment to intervention to educational programming -- Adding nonverbal and movement awareness to the classroom.

In the Shadow of Illness: Parents and Siblings of the Chronically III Child. Myra Bluebond-Langner, 1996. (271.6 B658i 1996 ECI).

This book illuminates the lives of those who live in the shadow of chronic illness - the parents and well siblings of children who have cystic fibrosis (CF). The author discusses the condition and coping strategies, by redefining normal family life to include CF care and reassessing family priorities.

Oppenheim Toy Portfolio: The Best Toys, Books, Videos, Music and Software for Kids. Joanne Oppenheim and Stephanie Oppenheim, 2005. (655 O62t 2005 ECI).

This book takes the guesswork out of finding the best toys, books, DVDs and music for children from infancy to age ten. This guide includes learning toys, brand-name comparisons, gift ideas, products for kids with special needs, and more.

Pediatric Nutrition Handbook, 5th ed. Ronald E. Kleinman, 2004. (247.4 K64 2004 ECI).

This edition is intended to be used as a ready reference for practicing clinicians on the requirements and metabolism of specific nutrients, methods of assessing nutritional status, and the nutrition support of healthy infants and children, as well as children with acute and chronic illness.

Simple Transitions for Infants and Toddlers. Karen Miller, 2005. (320.11 M648 2005 ECI).

This book for teachers who work with infants and toddlers offers more than 400 tips, ideas and easy-to-do activities. It offers ideas to help young children move smoothly through the day and will give teachers a deeper understanding of the developmental stages of infants and toddlers.

**Young Children and Trauma: Intervention and Treatment.** Joy D. Osofsky, 2004. (130.5 Y68 2004 ECI). This book is full of practical information on the assessment and treatment of young children exposed to trauma and violence.

#### **New Additions - Videos**

#### The First Years Last Forever. 30 min. (DD0026). (New in DVD Format)

This DVD, hosted by Rob Reiner, is designed to help new parents and caregivers understand the new brain research and the vital importance of their relationship with the infant during the critical first years of life.

#### An Introduction to PECS. 26 min. (DD0025).

This DVD provides an overview of the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). It portrays examples of each training phase within PECS in school, home and community settings with a variety of communicative partners. The DVD is not intended as a training tool.

#### Lístos Para Aprender. 30 min. (DD0032).

This DVD, hosted in Spanish by Antonio Banderas, provides helpful information about: the importance of communicating with a newborn; establishing reading routines; materials that prepare children for reading and writing; activities to spark a child's interest in learning; the importance of quality child care; and incorporating literacy into everyday activities. The English language version is available as *Ready to Learn*.

#### Ready to Learn. 30 min. (DD0031).

This DVD, hosted by Jamie Lee Curtis and LeVar Burton, provides helpful information about: the importance of communicating with a newborn; establishing reading routines; materials that prepare children for reading and writing; activities to spark a child's interest in learning; the importance of quality child care; and incorporating literacy into everyday activities. The Spanish language version is available as *Listos Para Aprender*.

#### Ser Papá. 30 min. (DD0030).

This DVD, hosted by George Lopez in Spanish, presents information about the importance of being a father, and what fathers can do to help promote and participate in their young children's healthy development. It is part of the I am Your Child Series and is available in English as *To Be A Father*.

#### To Be a Father. 30 min. (DD0029).

This DVD, hosted by Ray Romano, presents information about the importance of being a father, and what fathers can do to help promote and participate in their young children's healthy development. It is part of the I am Your Child Series and is available in Spanish as *Ser Papá*.

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# Track child progress along a continuum to meet OSEP reporting standards

DETROIT — You can adhere to **OSEP**'s early childhood outcomes reporting requirements by interpreting and documenting preschoolers' actions along a continuum, and comparing those actions with their typically developing peers. The office within the **Department of Education** expects educators to work toward improving

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Learn how to observe, document child data; improve connections with young kids; and become a better administrator. Pages 4-6

a wide range of skills impacting young children's knowledge, behavior, and social-emotional well-being. "You have to look at children as all having strengths," said **Debra Mary Pacchiano** at the **National Head Start Association**'s 33rd Annual Training Conference. You need to assess what areas of strength you will be building from with each child, she said. **See full story page 4.** 

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The drain of having a young child with autism can be devastating. Without early support from the community, parents can easily snap under the weight of their children's needs. So it's up to you to provide resources, contacts, direction — and hope — to families. "The responsibility of early

#### Parent perspective

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childhood programs is not only to give parents support," said Valerie Alexander, classroom supervisor of the The Early Education Program in Eugene, Ore., "it's to educate them on how to be exceptional advocates for themselves." Full story, page 4.

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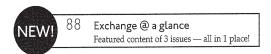
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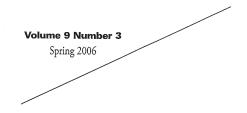


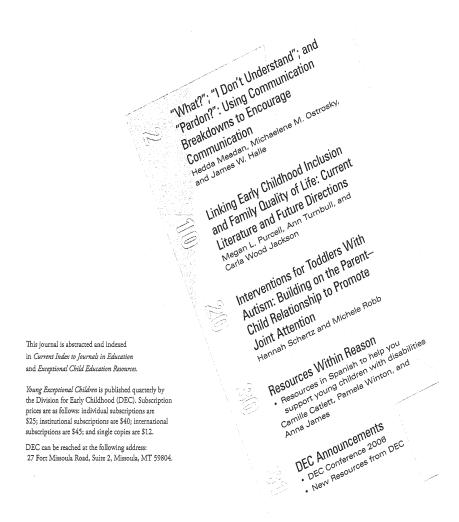
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