



Parent Introduction to The Early Years Project



Introduction

The Early Years Project is a free, online toolkit packed with simple videos, fun activities, and helpful resources to support your child's sensory development in hearing, vision, communication, and language. Tailored for children ages 0-6, it's designed to seamlessly fit into your daily routine and enhance your home and early education experiences. Perfect for parents who want to give their little ones a strong start!

These self-guided materials are designed with parents in mind, offering easy ways to learn about your child's development and address any concerns. You can explore these activities at your own pace, helping you feel more confident and informed about supporting your child's growth.



Implementation



In this section is general information about The Early Years, along with the introduction and conclusion videos. There is a survey for both parents and providers after using the materials.

Learning



The Early Years Project has 4 domains:

- Hearing
- Communication
- Vision
- Language

Each domain has an introduction video and an in-depth video (coming soon) under the learning tab.



Activities

This section offers simulation activities to help caregivers and professionals gain a deeper understanding of what it might be like for a child facing challenges in the four key developmental domains. Additionally, it includes practical activities that caregivers can use to support growth in each area. While the activities are organized by domain, many can benefit multiple areas of development. Icons are included for easy identification of the domains each activity supports.

Resources



The resources section provides handouts and website links to relevant content.

Don't forget the survey!



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