

# DEVELOPING SOCIAL PLAY

## Why is teaching your child how to play important?

- Your child's play time is their social time!
- They'll make friends more easily
- Learn to take turns and talk with others
- Pick up new things from other kids
- Understand social rules and body language



### Take Turns:

- Teaches conversation skills (listening and responding)
- Builds vocabulary and sentence structure
- Encourages social interaction and cooperation
- Supports turn-taking and patience

### Join In:



- Imitate what your child is doing
- The play partner is key, it's not about the toy, it's about you playing with them!

### Motivating Word Choices:



- Use simple words that describe what your child is doing: "in, on, out, go, stop, more"

### Expanding Play:



- If your child pretends to bake cookies, encourage them to pretend to eat them
- If your child pretends to eat the cookie pretend the cookie is too hot!
- Always try to add 1 play event on!



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