



StoryTime

our curriculum

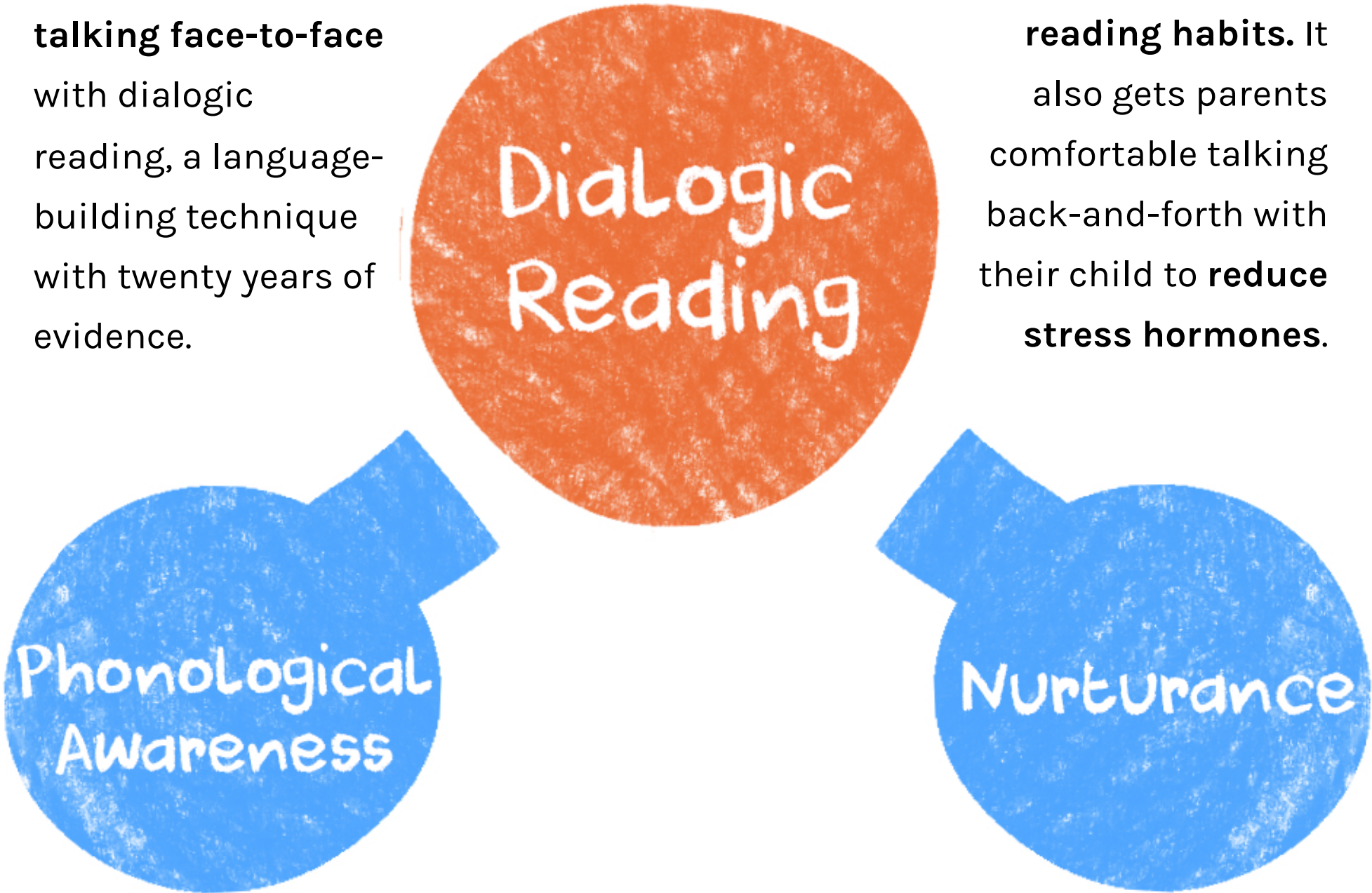
Without a parent who responds to their signals, children can't buffer the **stress hormones** caused by poverty.

That toxic stress **stunts brain development** and **self-regulation**.



Toxic Stress

We get families
talking face-to-face
with dialogic
reading, a language-
building technique
with twenty years of
evidence.



Dialogic Reading

That builds **strong
reading habits**. It
also gets parents
comfortable talking
back-and-forth with
their child to **reduce
stress hormones**.

Phonological Awareness

Nurturance

Through prompts, parents learn to build **phonological awareness** for early reading.

Over just SMS, that showed **significant pre-reading gains** (York 2014).

baked banana

Point out rhymes and allit.

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Child gives rhyme





Picture-focused prompts also help parents get comfortable **starting conversation habits.**

This serve-and-return develops **oral language skills.**



Guess
what's next



Ask about
the picture



Relate the story to
your child's life

Talking habits

With each story, texts explain why talking matters and show how parents can use their dialogic reading skills **in everyday routines**.



That builds **broader talking habits** that form stable, **responsive relationships**.

**“Next time you’re on the bus,
take turns counting cars aloud!”**

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**We're building
relationships so
kids can grow.**

