



Follow the Lead

General Techniques

- * Identify what the child is doing.
- * Make sure the child is calm; if not, soothe first
- * Join the child's interest and activity (sensory, objects, or words/ideas). Don't just watch and comment.
- * Treat the child's every action (even repetitive motions) as purposeful.
- * Use your voice and facial expressions to become the most interesting object in the room.
- * Respond to your child by raising or lowering your energy level and voice
- * Use language and gestures (movements) together
- * Encourage your child, but don't control his play

