

BONDING WITH YOUR BABY CONNECTION COMES FIRST



The relationship between a parent and baby forms the foundation for all learning, including communication and language development. Long before babies understand words or signs, they learn through emotional connections and responsive interactions with their caregivers.

Babies respond strongly to eye contact, smiles, facial expressions, gentle touch, and shared attention. These interactions help them feel safe, secure, and emotionally connected. When babies feel supported and understood, they are more likely to explore their environment and engage with others.

For babies with hearing loss, visual and tactile cues can be especially helpful during communication. Ensuring that your baby can clearly see your face while you speak or sign allows them to observe important communication signals such as facial expressions, lip movements, and gestures. These visual cues help reinforce meaning and support language learning.

Shared attention is also important for bonding. When you and your baby focus on the same toy, book, or activity, it creates opportunities for interaction and communication. Family-centered intervention programs emphasize that strong parent–child relationships support both emotional well-being and language development

Above all, loving, responsive relationships help babies feel confident as they grow and learn.