Let's Connect! Week 3 Handout 7/16/20

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Early Communication and Signs for Babies

Program Overview:

- Week 1: Basic Tips and Intro to Signs
- Week 2: Connecting through Signs
- Today: Connecting through Music
- Week 4: Connecting through Books

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Connecting through Music

and Building Imitation Skills

Music and Singing are opportunities for connection at any age.

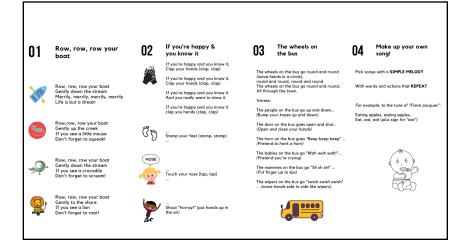
Build imitation skills:

0-6 months: facial expressions

7-12 months: basic gestures(like clapping) and sounds

12 months and more: signs, sounds, and words

Repeat the song over and over! Once familiar, wait at key moments to give a turn.



Keep using basic strategies

When you practice singing, use these basic strategies:

- Face-to-face
- Wait! Give a turn
- Repeat, repeat, repeat

What types of songs?

- Simple melody with lots of repetition: ex. Frere Jacques
- Words/gestures that are meaningful: ex. Functional signs
- - Make up a song to a familiar tune: ex. For daily routines: eating, nursing, diaper
- Add sound effects & gestures: ex. "wee!", dapping, etc