

Take a look at more taking turns with toddlers

Ball Passing Plus

Lucie loves playing games with Jorge, her early intervention home visitor, and her mom. Her favorite has them all sit in a circle and pick one thing to talk about while they roll a ball among them. Today her mom picks the topic. "Everyone say one food you like to eat," she says, and rolls the ball to Lucie. "Cup cakes!" Lucie says. "Good!" says Jorge. "Now roll it to me, and I'll say what I like." They play like that until they run out of foods they like. Mom finds some bean bags in Lucie's toy box. She says, "We can toss these and name animals. You start, Lucie. Toss one to Jorge and name an animal." Lucie and her mom have learned lots of these games. They play them often during the week.



Sharing Doll Care

Katie and her mom eagerly greet Dan, Katie's home visitor, at the door. "Whenever you come, Katie gets so excited." Dan settles himself on the floor next to Katie and her mom. He asks Katie what she has been playing with today. Katie picks up her rag doll from the couch and brings it to Dan. "Baby," she says. "What a beautiful baby," Dan responds. "May I hold her?" Katie nods, so Dan rocks the doll for a moment, then asks, "Do you want her back?" Katie reaches for the doll and passes it to her mom, who also rocks it. "Tell Dan your baby's name," Mom suggests. "Her Katie too," Katie says, reaching for the doll again. "Is it your turn now?" her mom asks. They each take turns rocking and pretending to feed the doll, asking Katie questions, and making comments to practice using language.

I'm Ready for More!

Carmen, a 2-year-old with motor impairments, is always glad to see her home visitor, Danielle. This afternoon, Carmen has lots of energy and does not want to sit still for very long. "She's been at it all day," Carmen's mom says. "Lots of energy." "You're in a silly mood today, aren't you?" Danielle asks, and tickles Carmen, who is on her back on the grass in the backyard. Carmen laughs loudly and kicks her legs. "More tickle," she shouts. "Nope," Danielle says. "Your turn. You tickle me." Carmen struggles upright with a little help and tickles Danielle, who makes a production of laughing and falling on the ground. "My turn!" Carmen calls. "What about your mom?" Danielle asks. "Tickle Mommy!" Carmen exclaims, and over her mom's laughing objections, Carmen pulls her into the game for her turn.

