

## Ways to Follow the Child's Lead



First, **observe** and **notice** what the child is interested in – what they are looking at, playing with, or talking about.

Use the child's **current interest** as the starting point for communication.

You like watching the cars drive by!

Get down onto the **child's level** so you can make eye contact. Using a friendly, engaging voice, listen to and respond to the child.

Follow a child's lead by using a variety of PC TALK strategies to **talk about** a child's toys or activities.

Let a **child direct** your play together. Ask the child about what they are doing and how you should play. For example, when painting, ask, "What should we paint here?"

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Notice and talk about child's interests, activities, & materials



When a child is **not engaged** in an activity, present them with a couple choices to gain their interest. Base those choices on activities in which the child has shown interest in the past. Then, follow the child's lead in the chosen activity.