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Small talk

Little babies

Interaction – discussion sheet

Looking after yourself

How are you feeling at the moment?
How are you encouraging other people to talk
and have fun with your baby?

Hearing aids and cochlear Implants

Do you have any questions about the equipment?
Are these working properly?
Have there been any problems?

Background noise

How are you managing this at home?

Directing attention to sound

Have you noticed your baby reacting
or responding to sound?
How are you directing your baby's attention to sound?

**Do you want to
discuss anything?**

Live Interaction / Discussion

What went well? (Share at least three positive points)

Looking at faces: Eye contact provides an early lesson about communication. Talking and understanding involves looking at another person and getting information from them by reading their facial expressions.

I make eye contact with my baby whilst talking

Never Rarely Sometimes Mostly Always/As appropriate

Copying: Parents copy babies' expressions and babies seem to recognise when this happens. As babies begin to make noises, parents copy their cooing and gurgling sounds and this encourages babies to use their voices even more.

I copy my baby's facial expressions and sounds

Never Rarely Sometimes Mostly Always/As appropriate

Following baby's lead: Parents watch to see what their baby looks at and comment on it. This gradually helps the baby to make sense of the stream of words, and eventually, to understand how this language relates to the world around them.

I notice my baby's focus of attention and make comments about it

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Taking turns: Parents respond at their baby's actions/ expressions as if he/she is speaking. A parent will wait for their baby to do something and then interpret it as a contribution to a conversation to which they can respond. Taking turns in this way helps the baby to understand the way conversation works.

I take turns with my baby using voice, natural/ gesture and pauses

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Using baby talk: Adults change their speech when talking to babies. They use a higher pitch, more varied intonation, a slower tempo and a singsong rhythm - this makes speech sound more interesting to the baby. Parents use repetition - talking about the same topics, all closely related to the baby's everyday needs and routines.

I use child directed speech when talking to my baby

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